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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 00:12:40 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject:

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno, a tenant, and I live in District 5 in the Palms neighborhood. My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me. California faces a crisis of unaffordable rent prices that has our homeless population skyrocketing. As I'm sure you're aware, the 2020 homeless count indicated a 14.2% increase since last year, and that was before the pandemic and accompanying economic crisis even began. Three homeless people die on the streets of LA every day, and my neighbors who live in tents deserve a way to isolate from the pandemic and to find stable housing for the long-term. The city is not doing enough for these residents and this should come before any increase to LAPD's already massive budget.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Blaire Crits-Christoph

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From: Laura Pulido <laupulido@gmail.com>

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 15:31:10 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject:

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Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Laura Pulido I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90094. I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Laura Pulido

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From: James Bickhart <james.bickhart@lacity.org>  
To: c05-allstaff <c05-allstaff@lacity.org>  
Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 15:46:55 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Fwd:

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Not that it's all that important, but Ms. Pulido (message below) appears to be confused about where she lives. The zip code she gives is 90094, which is Playa Vista, firmly in CD11.

I wonder how many of these other folks who swear they're in CD5 are comparably geographically challenged.

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Cc: c05-allstaff <c05-allstaff@lacity.org>  
Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 16:41:37 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re:

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Many I shall say!

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 16:50:10 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re:

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it may be a typo- ucla is 90095

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 17:01:07 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re:

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And this script is generated and shared from a UCLA student group: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1187041411632608/>  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Yca2F5OyxNQQHJHGpBaZnfuqbRYAL371RLs5BITqx5I/edit>

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To: Alison Simard <alison.simard@lacity.org>  
Date: Fri Jun 26 2020 11:48:37 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Fwd:

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These are the links I was telling you about in the chat.

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Date: Sun Jun 28 2020 14:12:53 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject:

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a proud Los Angeles Resident of City Council District 5 – I live in Westwood, support local businesses throughout the area, and went to high school at Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES) in Mid-City. My zipcode is 90024. **I am writing to demand that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and rebudget accordingly to defund the police and remove them from our schools, libraries, and public spaces.** This money is very urgently needed in and for our communities, not to police and fracture our communities. As a public school high school student, I encountered a police presence that did nothing to protect or serve my students and me, especially my BIPOC classmates. I never once saw a mental health counselor, yet the police officer was s a presence I encountered daily.

**To that end, I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.**

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. The recent violence against Los Angeles residents exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you,  
Monica Schreiber

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 18:29:38 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject:

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I live in District 5, as I have indicated in the previous emails that I have already sent you (you know -- the ones about your taking money from the Los Angeles Police Protective League for years, and other practices that must end to facilitate the defunding and disbandment of the LAPD).

I am writing again today to demand that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

And if you do not, I and the rest of my community will elect someone else who will. Thank you.

Sincerely,

N. Lovelace

District 5 Resident and VOTER

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 20:25:23 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: [CALL TO ACTION] Support the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Amara, a UCLA student that lives in Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents of color, like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Amara Singh

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From: Jordan Grief <jordan.grief@gmail.com>

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 13:02:44 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: A Call to Defund LAPD

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90048.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We desperately need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I'm also asking you to support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the ineffective LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Although you may not be running for re-election, if you don't stand with us now, we'll make sure to follow you to any office you run for and make sure you never get an ounce of power again.

Thank you for your time,

**Jordan Grief**

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From: Chris Mackay <chrismac2394@gmail.com>

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 13:29:23 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: A concerned Angeleno

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and although I do not live in District 5 I am reaching out to all Councilmembers and urging them to demand support for the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents.

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Thank you for your time,  
Christopher MacKay, a concerned Angeleno

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Date: Thu Jun 25 2020 14:24:59 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: A concerned Angeleno

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Hi Debbie,

I don't know if you truly believe that or are just sending a script but let's be honest with each other really quick. The police budget is unnecessarily bloated. There's ZERO reason why a police force is dominating the budget and taking away from social services, transportation, community outreach, education, housing etc. The list literally goes on and on. The only reason this could be justified is if they aren't looking to "serve and protect" the people but rather want to lead by intimidation and force situations that give access to throwing more people in jail. Also we aren't going to sit here and look at the statistics that show how disproportionately people of color, specifically black people, are targeted by the police. There have been several PD across the country currently and in the past who have gone on "strike" claiming without them the cities and communities would be overcome with crime, murder, rape, theft and yet none of that happened and I'm sure those cities and communities filled primarily with people of color felt SAFER than when they are being over policed. Los Angeles as a whole spends more money on its law enforcement than COUNTRIES SPEND ON IT'S MILITARY! If that sentence doesn't feel absurd to you then that in itself is an issue. I know you're just a district director and again you probably had to send out a script but YOU have a direct line to Paul Koretz. YOU have access to advise him and give him your opinion, whether you realize it or not YOU have been given a position of power to help push us in the right direction and be on the correct side of history.

Do not roll over and be complicit. "Revision" is cosmetic, it means make no change. WE NEED CHANGE.

Also for those who I've CC'd anyone reading this who has a direct line to Paul you are in the same position.

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 16:57:52 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: ACTION REQUIRED: SAFETY OF YOUR CITIZENS

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Hello,

My name is Chiara Berruto, I am a student at UCLA, a lifelong resident of LA county, and an active ally of the BLM movement.

I **used** to be proud of being an Angeleno as LA has always stood at the forefront of diversity and progress. I am saddened and really disappointed to say that this is not currently the case.

**LA should be leading the country and serving as a role model for other states.** You should be listening and caring about your people because we have spoken and ENOUGH is ENOUGH. Whats so hard to understand?

**Your people are dying. Your people are scared. Your people are angry.** What are you doing about it? Why don't you care?

I am emailing to demand you listen. Demand you care. **ADOPT THE PEOPLES BUDGET AND LISTEN TO YOUR CITIZENS.**

It's time we invest in the communities that need the most help instead of terrorizing them. We all know that the root of crime is poverty yet rather than create social programs to solve these issues, LA has continuously pumped more money into responding to these issues with force. Force is not the answer.

By rejecting the peoples budget you are proving that you do not care. you are saying you are okay with the **murder of minorities** which will continue as long as LAPD remains funded.

DONT BE COMPLICIT. ACT. INITIATE CHANGE. CARE ABOUT YOUR FUCKING CITIZENS. CARE ABOUT BROWN AND BLACK PEOPLE. BE ANTI-RACIST OR YOU WILL BE REPLACED.

Adopt the peoples budget. **Be on the right side of history.** I promise we will not stop so you might as well listen now.

Thank you for your time. Now have some fucking compassion.

Sincerely,

Chiara Berruto

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From: Isabelle Smith <isabelle.r.smith21@gmail.com>

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:42:46 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Adopt a people's budget

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Dear Councilman Koretz-

My name is Isabelle Smith and I am one of your constituents. When I learned that you voted against a 100-150 million dollar cut in LAPD, I was incredibly disheartened. Right now, we do not need more policing, Los Angeles needs money to be redirected to education, youth programs, healthcare, childcare, housing, clean air, and water. Right now, the police are upholding a culture of white supremacy, and are unconstitutionally violating Angeleno's first amendment right by meeting peaceful protests with extreme violence. I attended a protest where I was subjected to tear gas and rubber bullets. I felt trapped and was blocked at every turn from returning to my car. After an hour of attempting to get back to my car I was finally successful. This is absolutely unacceptable. Following that event, I was hesitant to go out and protest again, but I did, and I will continue to do so until Los Angeles adopts a people's budget. **I demand that you support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.**

Right now, you have the opportunity to funnel resources to communities whose potential has been dampened by a lack of funding and by the murders of their neighbors at the hands of LAPD.

History is watching.

Sincerely,

Isabelle Smith

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Isabelle Smith (She/her)

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Date: Thu Jul 02 2020 18:31:37 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Adopt the People's Budget + Resign

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Dear Councilmember KKKoretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a business owner, student, and anti-white supremacist (sorry bud). My zip code is 90094 and unfortunately you are our councilperson.

I support the constituents who [came to protest at your home](#) on Saturday 6/27 and I hope they continue. I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Hundreds of your constituents signed our petition to support the People's Budget LA and a multi-billion dollar cut from LAPD's budget, and it is time for you to listen to us.

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you support the People's Budget LA and the [motion](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department.

- *You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, district 5 has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions in our district— that LA must not use its money to fund LAPD.

- *Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent, persistent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time. LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO SERVE!

Jay Will

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:16:24 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Adopt The People's Budget for 2020

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I work as a producer in the area as well and have built a life here with my friends. My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

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**Analise Nelson**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 23:14:05 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Adopt the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and my zip code is 90094.

**I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.**

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air, and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

**As a woman who lives in the Westwood area, the police have done little to help me and more to intimidate me.**

**Now in the digital age, the actions of the murderous LAPD will not go unnoticed. Over the past few weeks, there has been overwhelming support, especially in your district, to defund the police and invest in our communities to create a safer network public safety system.**

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD deeply makes me feel deeply unsafe as a Los Angeleno. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Alexis Sanchez**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 23:19:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Adopt the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and my zip code is 90094.

**I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.**

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air, and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

**As a woman who lives in the Westwood area, the police have done little to help me and more to intimidate me.**

**Now in the digital age, the actions of the murderous LAPD will not go unnoticed. Over the past few weeks, there has been overwhelming support, especially in your district, to defund the police and invest in our communities to create a safer network public safety system.**

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD makes me feel deeply unsafe and unprotected. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Alexis Sanchez

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 23:18:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Adopt the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and my zip code is 90094.

**I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.**

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air, and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

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**Now in the digital age, the actions of the murderous LAPD will not go unnoticed. Over the past few weeks, there has been overwhelming support, especially in your district, to defund the police and invest in our communities to create a safer network public safety system.**

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD makes me feel deeply unsafe and unprotected. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Alexis Sanchez

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Date: Thu Jun 25 2020 15:26:22 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Adopt the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a UCLA student currently residing in Los Angeles and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing because I am really urging you to adopt the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. Our community desperately needs the money that is now reserved for the LAPD. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. As a member of the UCLA Mobile Clinic Project, in which I act as a social caseworker for people experiencing homelessness, I see all the time the way in which Los Angeles fails its residents. Folks should **absolutely not** have limited access to vital resources like housing and food because the budget that should be serving their needs instead goes into cops who then abuse these same people. Many folks experiencing homelessness receive many tickets for simply existing that they cannot afford, trapping them into the legal system in ways that HELP NO ONE! This is absolutely unacceptable. Our clients are dignified and important people and deserve to have the resources that all humans need to live a healthy and safe life. You are failing constituents like me by not serving Black and Indigenous communities, folks experiencing homelessness, or other people that are systematically disenfranchised and devalued by a system that values law and order over human life. Our city is ready and eager to defund the LAPD. The LAPD has a horrible and murderous history and this will only continue. There is no way to reform this. It MUST be abolished, and its funding MUST go into community structures!! In this time, LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents. We need change, Councilmember Koretz. We needed it yesterday, but we will accept it today. But you must work with us.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos. Stand on the right side of history. We are in the middle of a reckoning; we finally have the chance to rectify historic harms and to address the long-time effects of slavery and systemic discrimination.

Thank you for your time,

Leah Savage

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**Leah Savage**

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 09:10:06 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: ADOPT THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET. READ AND RESPOND. REACT.

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 14. I am a grad-student who demands a rightful budget cut, in fact, MORE cut than the proposed budget cut to strengthen the community that needs the most support. My zip code is 90013.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Dorothy Lee

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From: Demetri Belardinelli <demzjr@gmail.com>

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 21:02:08 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Angelenos Demand Change

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To whomever is reading,

My name is Demetri Belardinelli, a life long Los Angeles resident and Homeowner in Sun Valley. I urge you to support the people's budget.

We are living in an historic moment. Do not settle for incrementalism, meet this moment with the respect it deserves. Your constituents were maimed and arrested unlawfully by an ignorant police force. A police force that is supposed protect and serve. We want a massive divestment from the violent militarized police state and an unprecedented investment in historically underfunded communities specifically black and indigenous communities of Los Angeles.

We can imagine a better world, but it will take BOLD leadership. You have the tools to create this better future. We the people demand it. Things will never be the same after 2020, if you're not with us, then we won't be with you.

Start with simple things like the resignation of police chief Moore, and DA Lacy. Move to defund the police and reimagine public safety, and give jobs, education, mental and physical health care to underprivileged neighborhoods. Take police out of LAUSD.

We will fight until we get what we deserve.

Thank you,

Demetri Belardinelli

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Date: Sun Jun 28 2020 20:00:38 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Are you listening yet? Care not Cops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5, zip code 90035.

I am writing once again to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. The LAPD has a HUGE BLOATED budget that siphons taxpayer money away from solutions that people are showing up in huge numbers to support - namely BLM supporters are calling for non-law enforcement first responders and investment in public health. 50% of the city's unrestricted revenues should NOT be going to LAPD. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

In this time of climate crisis, when we are going to be facing worse and worse natural disasters that disproportionately affect Black and brown communities. How can we not prepare by trying to make sure the largest amount of people have their material needs met, and have access to necessities like affordable housing, childcare, clean parks and libraries etc? When every investment in social safety is met with "How will we pay for that?" Angelenos are responding with a clear solution. It is time to take a bolder stance and actually LISTEN to your constituents who want you to strategically divest from using police as a blunt instrument against any and all social problems. Do not keep saying you are skeptical of defunding and resort to supporting meager reforms that are proven to be ineffective.

Thank you for your time,

Katie Aymar

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:11:28 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: BOOOOOOOOOO

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What???

Voting against the report to look into LAPD cuts?

Can y'all in his office rebel and oust him? What the hell is going on here?

BOOOO

-Darryl Jones  
angry citizen

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**Darryl Jones**  
Filmmaker & Video Producer

[All of This!!!](#) my original short film, coming to film festivals in 2019!

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 20:37:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Budgetary Concerns

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Dear members and staff, I am highly concerned with Paul Koretz's vote today against the budget decrease for the police. As a constituent and voter in your district, I demand that my representative Paul Koretz reverse his vote and move to further defund the police in all future budgets. The police serve an outdated and outsized role in our community. They are tasked with being law enforcement, traffic cops, Social workers, wellness providers, drug officers, and far too often, police serve as judge, jury, and executioner in a single encounter. Our reliance on police instead of community services puts our communities at disadvantage. We need better schools, child care, health services, social services, wellness checks by trained professors, alcohol and addiction counselors, etc. We have been defunding schools, social services, and healthcare for FAR too long. And now we can't take a paltry percentage of the budget away from our over militarized police? Paul Koretz needs to answer to his constituents and reverse his vote. He needs to vote funding towards non-police related funding and recognize that his community deserves better. Best, Jennie Seidewand Mid City West Fairfax District

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 21:02:49 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: CALL OUT KORETZ

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Hello Representatives of LA,

My name is Guinevere mAlcaraz and I am from District 8. I am a junior at Renaissance Arts Academy.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

*Not to mention that Council member Korewetz, vote against this bill is a vote against human rights and a vote for the continued economic chokehold that white supremacy has over our city.*

*Also throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

*Remember that the people will hold you accountable and when you look back will you be proud of what you have done during this historical and long overdue moment.*

*Thank you for your time.*

Guinevere Alcaraz

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 14:08:22 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Call to Action for Community Investment

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student. My zip code is 90095.

Given the unacceptable police violence that the LA community has suffered, particularly the Black community, I think it is important that we act to mitigate such violence. Our communities are also suffering from housing insecurity as I see homeless individuals lined up on the streets on the way to school, food insecurity as I see with the lines of people waiting at the food pantry at UCLA, insufficient health care, and underfunded education for innercity schools. In turn, it is critical that we invest in community care rather than policing.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Aarti Patel**

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 07:10:46 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: CARE NOT COPS

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. **I am a UCLA student and tenant and my zip code is 90094.**

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Karla Bonilla

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 00:08:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: CARE NOT COPS

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student wanting to advocate for those in my community who deserve resources. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. This proposed budget prioritizes the needs of ALL Angelenos and reduces the funding that further enables police brutality and murder. I strongly urge you to reinvest LAPD's currently bloated budget back into the community, which can be done by cutting LA's unrestricted revenues going to LAPD to 5%. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. Police do not receive adequate training to appropriately respond to all situations to which they are dispatched, often resulting in unjust and unnecessary harm for victims. *By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. The people you have been elected to serve have made it glaringly obvious that LA must adjust its budget and stop funding the murderous LAPD. *Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.* Even the people not directly affected by these egregious acts of violence are still traumatized by the constant occurrence of these events happening to those who look like them.

Please demonstrate your support for the People's Budget LA, and take this necessary step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Mia Inglis**

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 00:13:02 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: CARE NOT COPS

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and my zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Daisy Kwok

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 20:33:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Care NOT Cops

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Dear

Councilmember Koretz,

I

am an Angeleno and I live in District 5.  
My zip code is 90048.

I demand you support

the People's

Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support

Councilmember

Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget

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Over the past two

weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your  
time,

Jennifer Anderson

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Date: Sun Jun 28 2020 15:30:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Care Not Cops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Madeline Gold and I live in Santa Monica. I am a 23 year old recent grad from Whitman College and an educator. I know I am not technically part of the district as my zip code is 90402 but I would like to share my opinion of support for the People's Budget LA.

I am writing to encourage you revise the current budget in support the of People's Budget LA. Only 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not half of the budget. We direly need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

I hope that the city will prioritize basic and universal needs in our communities, such as housing and healthy food, or pandemic recovery. The current budget does not reflect engagement to find out the needs of ALL Angelenos. By disregarding the proposed LAPD budget, you are failing constituents.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The City of Los Angeles have reacted throughout this time of mass protests with unwarranted escalation and violent acts towards me, other peaceful protestors and homeless people. I have seen with my own eyes the disturbing way that police have treated others. It is beyond disturbing and offensive that LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on TV. Chief Moore said we had blood on our hands for the police assassination of George Floyd, a cruel lie. The police force has blood on their hands for the terrorization and abuse towards Los Angeles Residents and your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD has gone too far. It is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Madeline Gold

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 12:25:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Care not cops: adopt the People's Budget NOW

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am writing to you today as your constituent--I've lived in Westwood (90064) and now Palms (90034) for the past several years while completing my graduate studies at UCLA. I have contacted you many times, via email & phone, urging you to adopt the People's Budget. I have not heard back from you *once*.

The people of Los Angeles have shown that we overwhelmingly want our policing budget to be slashed, and for those funds to be reallocated to programs that support our community.

The LAPD has been committing atrocities against the people it's meant to "serve and protect," for *the entire time that they have been in existence*. They have always treated Black and brown communities as though they are enemies in occupied territory. In the 1980s, they murdered a teenager and an 81-year-old within a month of each other (see: *City of Quartz* by Mike Davis, p. 274). In 2018, LAPD officers murdered Grechario Mack and Kenneth Ross Jr. *within hours of each other*. Neither man was armed. They did not have the chance to defend themselves in court. They were executed.

*How* can you consider your comments that property damage equates to loss of human life (so similar to Chief Moore's) to be appropriate? These comments reflect that you do not believe Black individuals to be as sacred as *things*. I am disappointed. You have unequivocally lost my vote, unless you can turn things around and be on the right side of history.

Adopt the People's Budget NOW.

Regards,

Yvonne M. Eadon, MLIS  
Doctoral Candidate  
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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 12:28:13 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: CARE, not cops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I've lived in your CD5 for my entire adult life, and I'm currently in zip code 90034. I was a UCLA student, I've tutored countless students at our schools in Palms and Mid-City, and I frequent many of the businesses that make up this vibrant part of the city. This community is my home.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Only 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time.

Levon Haroutunian  
Los Angeles, 90034

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Date: Sun Jun 28 2020 18:41:13 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Concern and Questions About Community Support

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Hello Councilmember Koretz,

This is James Griswold. I am an LA native and resident from the Mar Vista area.

Like many others in the past month, I have been horrified to watch countless videos showing police abusing their power, and have been moved to take a more active role in combating systemic racism.

It is disheartening and disappointing that after so long our beloved city continues to be plagued with the injustice of police brutality and mass incarceration.

These past few weeks it has also been disappointing to hear your words when addressing these issues.

Your initial response on Twitter equates the murder of George Floyd to vandalism in your district. Additionally, you have made many calls for tempered action when reducing police budgets.

I think you are saying what you believe is right. That is: radical change is not necessary to improve the lives of those most vulnerable in our community, that murder can be obscured by vandalism, and that we should be careful not to lose what we currently have in the name of progress.

I don't think now is the time for such tepid beliefs. Right now, there are countless studies, advocates, and detailed budgets backing up specific actions you can take to dismantle racist institutions. Right now is the time to clamp down on injustice perpetrated by our police forces.

Yes we should continue to work with other levels of government to increase the feasibility. Yes we should monitor our implementation to ensure the effectiveness. Yes we should listen to the voices of all your constituents to build a diverse coalition for change.

These should not be used as excuses for inaction.

You are in a position of power immensely more than most people, and I believe your actions like your No vote on item 20-0692 to identify cuts to LAPD budget and reinvest in the community only serve to roadblock this moment.

I am asking you to please reconsider your opinions and stand with this movement to swiftly make substantial cuts to the LAPD budget according to the People's Budget, and support motions to divert non-violent calls away from LAPD as in Motion 20-0769.

Thank you for your time,

**James Griswold**  
A concerned Los Angeles resident



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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:31:29 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Concerned voter - LAPD funding

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a UCLA Law student, a concerned voter, and an Angeleno. I live in District 5 and my zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the **People's Budget LA** for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Five percent of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into **services for our community**. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. **By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.**

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Dylan Lee

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 01:12:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Constituent asking you to SIGNIFICANTLY defund the LAPD

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Councilman Koretz & Team,

I'm writing as a citizen of District 5, pleading with you to reconsider your refusal to significantly defund the LAPD. Many other white people, like myself, have had limited or no interaction with the police prior to the demonstrations of June 2020 and what we're seeing now has elicited a total awakening to the toxicity of the department.

I believe in the police. But I also believe in a country and city of checks and balances. The police force has been operating for decades without being properly checked, and it has gotten completely out of control in its unlimited resources and abuse of power. The police must be--not eliminated--but *significantly* defunded and, just as importantly, a total overhaul is needed, involving completely different training, better de-escalation practices, and a zero tolerance policy for bigotry and brutality.

While the department spends hundreds of millions of dollars on helicopters, military grade equipment, and over-policing of black and brown neighborhoods, many of my neighbors of color go without basic resources like food, clothing, shelter, and quality education. While the riot responders drove SWAT vehicles down my block and shot tear gas over our roof, citizens on the same block don't know how they'll get vital medications or mental health attention.

This is such a pivotal move in your career - please do what's right and make a real statement.

Sincerely,  
Emily Finkelstein

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 21:48:40 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Re: Constituent asking you to SIGNIFICANTLY defund the LAPD

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Thanks for the reply. In response to Councilman Koretz's message...

Arbitrary cuts? Cutting ~10% from a wildly disproportionate, exorbitant billion+ budget to reallocate funds to critically deprived areas like mental health services, youth services, housing, education, and public health is not arbitrary. Not only has the policing culture become totally cult-like and dangerous ("absolute power corrupts absolutely" comes to mind), but the department's bottomless budget is taking away from vital human services.

Of course defunding the police isn't about eliminating all police, but these other programs have been fighting for scraps for too long and throwing this much money at LAPD comes at the expense of many thousands of LA residents and their opportunities for success and well-being.

This isn't right. Councilman Koretz and all who agree with his position on this should take a moment to reexamine their values and priorities.

Sincerely,

Emily Finkelstein

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Date: Sat Jun 27 2020 18:16:52 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Daily Bruin News - People's Budget LA

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To Whom It May Concern:

Good evening, I hope this email finds you well. My name is Justin Jung, and I am a news reporter at the Daily Bruin. I am currently working on a news story about a protest in West Hollywood today organized by the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association Council and Westwood community members. The protest was organized against Councilmember Paul Koretz' position against the People's Budget LA.

Due to the time sensitive nature of my story, I will need the statement by no later than 7:30 p.m. PST.

The questions for my story are as follows:

- 1) Why did Koretz vote against the People's Budget LA budget proposal to cut the LAPD budget by \$100 million to \$150 million, despite the NWWNC's endorsement of the cuts?
- 2) What is Koretz' position on the protest organized by student leaders against this voting decision?
- 3) What other information does Koretz have for the UCLA community at this time?

Thank you for your time and consideration; I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best,  
Justin Jung

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Date: Sat Jun 27 2020 20:41:53 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Re: Daily Bruin News - People's Budget LA

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To Whom It May Concern

I'd like to add an additional line of inquiry. Councilmember Koretz has also been criticized for accepting money from police unions and organizations; how does Koretz respond to this criticism?

Best,  
Justin

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:43:28 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Dear Staffers of Paul Koretz

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I write to you today to ask that you think about your personal experiences with LAPD and LASD as well as the homeless community and others in need in LA County right now. I operate a store and want a shift towards more community funding, because in my experience the LAPD is at best neutral when engaging in theft situations. They have lost so much trust in the past few weeks alone, so how can they engage to do any detective work or positive interaction? I know your boss, Paul Koretz, thinks even cutting the \$150 million is too far, but I ask you to think deeply about what truly makes you feel safe on the street. At best LAPD displays violence or paperwork, no real change. We all need consistent, accountable detective work in which those who honor the value of human life and hold their coworkers to higher standards are rewarded.

Please stand up to show it's just not right for Koretz to approve of keeping the \$150 million in pensions and raises for the LAPD. No one has the right to be paid in tax dollars to make mistakes and never be charged or punished.

Please do not be one more generation that fails to act for real change. We need to get this city running in a real, healthy way, and the LAPD has shown through recent actions that they see no reason to adapt.

Thank you,  
Emily Durbin

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 13:57:34 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Defund LAPD and Support the People's Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I live in District 5 and I am a UCLA public health professional, future physician, and most importantly as an Angeleno who is disappointed at the lack of leadership from both Mayor Garcetti and the council members. My zip code is 90034 and I am sharing my own personal views.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Police violence and racism are both public health crises and these two are NOT mutually exclusive. Data from Mapping Police Violence tells us that there were only 27 days in 2019 where police did not kill someone. Additionally, Black people are 3x more likely to be killed by police than white people and 1.3x more likely to be unarmed than white people. How can we possibly give LAPD over 50% of the budget when those who claim to "serve and protect" are the same forces who are disproportionately murdering Black Americans. How can we give approximately 3 billion dollars to LAPD who have killed over 600 Angelenos? By not defunding LAPD, the mayor and council members are supporting continued police violence and the continued murder of Black and Brown lives.

As a future medical provider I know the disproportionate trauma that communities face as a result of police violence has a negative impact on their health. Preliminary findings from the Justice Study shows that participants who have witnessed or experienced police violence had higher post-traumatic stress scores when compared to those who did not witness or experience police violence, regardless of race. These findings are concerning given that trauma leads to chronic stress, and as a result, chronic inflammation that leads to diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, depression, and anxiety. The police are both directly and indirectly are negatively impacting the health of communities of color and our budget should instead focus on supporting our communities through housing, education, and healthcare.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violent behavior of LAPD against protestors further demonstrates the recklessness of the police and the need to defund LAPD immediately. LAPD has used tear gas, a chemical warfare agent BANNED by the Geneva Protocol, against protestors which causes irritation in the lungs which triggers coughing. This is especially alarming given the fact the country is experiencing a global respiratory pandemic and Los Angeles specifically has had a total of

68,875 cases to date of COVID-19. LAPD was fully aware that we were in the midst of a pandemic and yet still chose to use chemical warfare against its own citizens. Any institution that carelessly puts the city's health at risk and has already killed over 600 Angelenos does not deserve our funding.

Thank you for your time,  
Stephanie Clavijo

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 20:06:59 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Defund LAPD

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Elizabeth Endo, and I am an Angeleno and one of your constituents living in District 5. My zip code is 90064.

I am writing to demand that you support the **People's Budget LA** for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 50% is way too much of our budget going to LAPD—we need to reinvest these funds into the community. I demand that you also support **Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769** to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams—this is what real care for our city looks like!

Throughout the recent protests, our city has shown up in great numbers, showing its overwhelming support for defunding LAPD. We have made it clear, both physically and digitally, that Los Angeles must not use its money to fund the corrupt, murderous LAPD. The LAPD's violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights is completely unacceptable. This is not what protecting your people looks like. This is why I must urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Please care for your people and help us reimagine what public safety can and should be.

Thank you for your time,  
Elizabeth Endo

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:17:20 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: DEFUND LAPD

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a Los Angeles resident and I live in district 5. I just graduated from UCLA and have experienced the heavy and disproportionate policing of Black people in Westwood by UCPD and LAPD. THIS IS WRONG. I care about my community so I care about LAPD being defunded so that the billions of dollars this city spends on policing, surveilling, violating and tearing apart the Black community can be redirected into uplifting and cherishing our lives. Read Miriam Kaba if you are unfamiliar with the concept of police abolition and community care. My zip code is 90094 and I am calling for the defunding and budget cuts to the LAPD.

I am writing] to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Melissa Chimwaza  
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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 00:34:24 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: DEFUND LAPD

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*Optional: include personal story or anecdote.*

*Optional: The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Optional: Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 22:21:02 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Defund LAPD

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Hi,

I am a resident of Westwood and a student at UCLA. LAPD is racist, violent, and disgusting. The fact that Koretz doesn't want to defund them is absolutely despicable and unacceptable and you should be ashamed to associate with him. DEFUND LAPD NOW!!! I want money going into our communities and being used to protect the vulnerable NOT to terrorize innocent people because trigger happy cops think it's fun or that their life is a video game. Every day LAPD and the councilmembers that allow LAPD to exist and KILL unarmed civilians disappoint me more. Defund LAPD now. Adopt a PEOPLE'S BUDGET instead. LA can continue to be racist, or you can seek justice, peace, and prosperity for the families of LA. It's up to you. Make the right decision.

BYE,  
Zoe Hahn

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 20:21:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund LAPD

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and staff, I am a proud citizen of Los Angeles who currently resides in your district. I live and love living in the Palms district at 3685 Watseka Ave, 90034. I work as a research engineer at a cutting edge neuroscience startup company in Culver City. I'm writing today to demand you support the People's Budget LA. Your vote against the meager reallocation of \$150 million from LAPD was extremely disheartening and made me lose faith in you as my council member. I firmly believe that we need to divest all of LAPD's funding into community services, such as support for our frontline healthcare heroes, our ever-growing unhoused population and our schools. You need to support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021. \$150 million was already too little, voting even against that goes beyond mine and your district members' needs. The People's Budget comprises of over 10,000 Angeleno's voices — voices that you are choosing to ignore. It has been made clear through protests and digital petitions and communication over the past two weeks that our city supports defunding LAPD. The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I demand you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos. Sincerely, Mary Zhang

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 19:30:00 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund LASPD

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Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90094.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The mentally ill people that get called on by the police don't do anything but just put them back on the streets. I don't see what they do as being effective or helpful. I trained to be a Hairstylist for 1600 hours while cops only do 880 hours so CLEARLY they have not been trained to deal with people who have mental health or drug issues. They escalate!*

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Gabriella Almanza**

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Thu Jun 25 2020 09:55:22 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Defund the LAPD

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 11. I am a student at USC and a lifelong Angeleno. My zip code is 90272.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Ryan Guggenheim

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 19:26:09 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Defund the LAPSD

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Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 22:25:05 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Defund the Police Already

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in council district 13. I am an impassioned supporter of people experiencing homelessness and black lives matter, and I implore you to listen to your constituents rather than your corporate founders and defund the police.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. We can't have blatant white supremacists controlling the narrative of this great city through their pro ledger and racist views.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Caitlin Rose**  
**CD13**

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:34:52 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Defund the police and adopt the People's Budget LA

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Hi everyone,

I live in District 5. Paul Koretz's resistance to adopting a People's Budget and defunding the police functions to uphold white supremacy. His views about the police are ignorant. He is clearly operating under some completely incorrect self-serving assumptions about how the police ACTUALLY operate — in case it hasn't been made clear enough times: the police terrorize our black and brown community members and they do so because that is what they are intended to do! If Paul thinks the police help with crime, he's wrong. Is Paul completely stupid? OR is he a straight-up white supremacist who believes that the treatment black and brown and poor people face from the police is justified? It is disgusting, reprehensible, and shameful.

You all work for the city — why? What's the goal? If it's about protecting and serving the people of LA and making our lives better, then join the movement to defund the police and invest those funds into resources for our community that ACTUALLY make us safer. Watch *13th* on Netflix if you are unable and unwilling to read. Persuade Paul Koretz to join our movement.

<https://knock-la.com/la-councilmember-paul-koretz-upholding-white-supremacy-f446cace146c>

Best,  
Miranda Van Iderstine

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:36:23 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Re: Defund the police and adopt the People's Budget LA

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Date: Sat Jun 27 2020 14:37:17 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Fwd: Defund the police and adopt the People's Budget LA

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hi, what do you recommend? should i send her to you? would you be willing to speak with her?

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Date: Tue Jun 30 2020 11:15:03 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: Defund the police and adopt the People's Budget LA

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just following up on this one. thanks!

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 01:40:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: DEFUND THE POLICE INVEST IN THE COMMUNITIES

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Dear representatives, I am emailing today to demand that you support the people's budget LA and defund the police immediately. Invest in our communities, schools, parks, etc. We are weeks in protests and we have continually seen the abuse of power LAPD has. It's as if they have forgotten that they work for the people, they are our employees. Our money is being used to pay for these murderers, when they are either acquitted or found not guilty of the disgusting war crimes the LAPD has inflicted upon INNOCENT UNARMED CIVILIANS, we pay for the reparations. LAPD are TERRORISTS, DEFUND THE POLICE NOW!!!!!! Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 21:08:58 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund the police

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Hello, I am a native Angeleno, and I work on Skid Row providing legal services to the homeless population. I am writing to demand that you support the People's Budget in the face of mounting police brutality. The murder of Andres Guardado last weekend was devastating. Police need to not be the response to an 18 year old doing his job. Now is not the time for small change. You have opposed the meager \$150 million cut to the LAPD budget. You must support this small cut, and significantly more. The People's Budget reflects the values of Angelenos and how we want our public safety to be funded. Thank you

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Date: Thu Jun 25 2020 15:46:42 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund the Police/Support the People's Budget

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I'm a lifelong resident of West Los Angeles, and I cannot begin to express how disappointed and angry I am that Councilman Koretz continues to oppose the most meager cuts in funding to the police. I'm asking that he support Defunding the Police and the People's Budget (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/>).

Councilman Koretz continues to make asinine comments to defend LAPD's truly obscene budget, even going so far as to reference The Purge. There are no studies that show that an increase in police presence results in a decrease in crime. We've seen time and time again that LAPD murders and brutalizes people in this city with impunity. They are not making us any safer.

The money we're spending on the police could very easily be spent elsewhere, and get way more results. Additionally, the city wastes money every year on settlements with victims of LAPD brutality. We need housing, healthcare, better schools and a host of other things. What we don't need is the police.

The councilman portrays himself as a liberal, but he has been an obstinate conservative in the face of one of the most pressing issues of our time. We have a chance for real change. Instead, he continues to defend a truly broken system that treats poor people and minorities as less than human.

Please support the People's Budget and Defund the Police. It's the only thing that will work. Incremental reforms have proven to fail again and again.

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 21:30:34 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Demanding Support for the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a recent graduate from UCLA. My zip code is 90024.

I am taking the time to write to you today to **DEMAND that you support the [People's Budget LA](#)** for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Only 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be allocated towards LAPD, not 50% which is egregiously excessive. I also demand that you **support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#)** to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams that would be more appropriate and effective.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because we should be prioritizing **universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, infrastructure/the built environment, and reimagined public safety** over the police department. You need to engage **directly** with communities, **especially Black and Indigenous communities—the most at risk of police brutality and murder**—to create a budget that serves **ALL** Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, **you are FAILING constituents like myself.**

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. **It has made clear—through both physical and digital actions—that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.** Throughout this time of mass protest, the **police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors.** LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television, which is a horrific display of white supremacy and systemic racism ingrained in our institutions. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors, which is ignorant unsubstantiated and propagates racial gaslighting. Many police officers have hurt, abused, and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded **NOW**. I urge you to **support the People's Budget LA**, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Gianna

**Gianna Furumoto**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 19:53:57 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Demands for Councilmember Koretz

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. **I am a UCLA graduate and lifelong resident of Los Angeles.** My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Eric Pierce**

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 09:19:50 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: District 5 Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and live in district 5. I am a UCLA student living in Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Thank you for your time,

Nicolas Vargas

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:36:03 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: District 5 Constituent requesting that Councilmember Koretz support defunding the police and motino 20-0769

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am your constituent and live in District 5. I live in Westwood and my zip code is 90024.

I am extremely disappointed that you voted against a report to identify cuts in the LAPD budget. In a time when leadership and change is necessary to save Black lives, you are failing to act and choosing to keep the status quo. Your beliefs and actions as an individual person may not be racist, but your vote is. When you, as a white elected official with power to affect the lives of so many for generations to come, don't take actions to disrupt a racist system, you allow it to perpetuate, and any act that supports systemic racism is racist. Your vote prioritized white residents' desire to preserve their comfort over residents' of color hope to stop being murdered by LAPD. Your vote was a racist act.

You can undo that act. I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos. Please protect the most vulnerable.

Thank you for your time,

Stacy Lee



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Date: Thu Jun 25 2020 09:45:04 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: District 5: Constituent Email, \*Plead for Budget Reallocation\*

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a student at USC Marshall School of Business and a proud member of this community. My zip code is 90038.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

I'm outraged that in a time of a pandemic, where basic healthcare is hard to come by - funding the police is ridiculous. It is not that I have anything against the police, but the level of brutality and disregard for basic human rights is unconscionable.

***The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.***

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Stephanie Danis

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Stephanie Danis  
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Date: Thu Jul 09 2020 17:29:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE. THEY SHOULD GET A RAISE FOR ALL THE  
ABUSE THEY HAD TO TAKE DURING THE RIOTS

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I FIND IT HORRIBLE YOU WOULD EVEN CONSIDER DEFUNDING THE POLICE.  
I AM A TAX PAYING CITIZEN AND I VOTE AND ENCOURAGE MY PEERS TO VOTE AND I  
WILL BE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED IF YOU CHOSE TO SUPPORT SUCH A  
RIDICULOUS ACTION.

ALL CRIMINALS ARE CHEERING A GREAT BIG HURRAY IF YOU TAKE THIS PLAN OF  
ACTION.

AWFUL, AWFUL, AWFUL!!

LIKE ANY WOMAN CALLING IN FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE WILL WANT A SOCIAL WORKER  
TO SHOW UP??

OR A CHILD BEING ABUSED!!!

YOU WILL BE ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING MORE CRIME.

AS A REALTOR PROPERTY VALUES WLL DECREASE.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO A TAX PAYING CITIZEN.

Michelle Gonzales-Hanna

[4mhanna@gmail.com](mailto:4mhanna@gmail.com)

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:25:22 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Do Right by Erich and Doris

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno, and I live in District Five. I work in the television/film industry and have lived in Palms for the past four years. My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

I did some research on your background and found that we have a lot in common. Like your mother, Doris, my family also escaped to America from the Russian pogroms. As someone who is also Jewish, I am sure your father, Erich, escaping Nazi Germany affected your outlook in many ways. You marched in picket lines with your father and built your platform off of social justice. Since you carry this history with you and have utilized it to work your way into office, I find your lack of support for the People's Budget surprising and disappointing. You may not feel like you have to join the picket line any longer, but as an elected official, you have a duty to ensure your constituents are heard. You and your family have seen what unchecked power and force can do to groups of people. You should know better than anyone that we need you to put the money back into the community. If you can't see your way to that then you don't deserve to be a representative of our city.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,



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angel.izard@lacity.org  
Date: Mon Jun 29 2020 09:25:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Do Right by Your Community

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I'm writing you once again to ask that you do right by your community and **support the People's Budget LA** for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

I am an Angeleno, and I live in District Five. I work in the film/television industry, and I have lived in Palms for the past four years. My zip code is 90034.

Five percent of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not fifty percent. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I **demand that you support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769** to divest certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

You've admitted yourself that this pandemic is a matter of life and death and that we all need to take action in order to help one another. For those of us who are civilians that means wearing a mask, but for someone such as yourself you could take this opportunity to put the superfluous amounts of money you're spending on LAPD towards public health initiatives. You could take a stronger stance than Garcetti and provide the resources we need as a community to get through this pandemic safely. If you give half of your budget away to the LAPD, you're not only endangering those targeted by law enforcement, you're depriving the entire community of resources we need to get by. **We're not asking you to remove law enforcement altogether, we're asking you to use these funds to save the community from falling into disrepair.**

I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Amentt

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From: Aryeh Cohen <ari.coco@gmail.com>

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:33:47 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Do the right thing. Defund LAPD now.

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Aryeh Cohen

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From: Leora Swerdlow <lswerdlow12@gmail.com>  
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org  
Bcc: alison.simard@lacity.org  
Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 09:50:29 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Do The Right Thing

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a lifelong resident of Los Angeles and of City Council District 5. I am a proud union member and plan on attending law school in this city in the coming years. My zip code is 90035.

I am calling on you, my elected representative, to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. As the representative for one of the wealthiest and whitest districts in the county, if not the country, I **IMPLORE** you to divest from the LAPD - an institution firmly rooted in white supremacy and state violence, and invest in the Los Angeles community. Invest in housing, in education, in clean air and water, in the resources that you and I have never once in our lives had to worry we would not have enough of.

I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city must prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos, and does not perpetuate the vast wealth and racial inequality that benefits people like yourself and your fellow councilmembers.

By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me. You are perpetuating a system of violence and poverty that you benefit **DIRECTLY** from. It is unconscionable, as an **ELECTED** representative of the city, to blatantly ignore the voices of 25,000 Angelenos, over 50 community and religious groups, of the labor movement, and of countless others in LA county, who are imploring you to do the right thing.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused, and maimed your constituents, who were doing nothing more than exercising their First Amendment right to peaceful assembly.

The recent violence against Angelenos by the LAPD is unacceptable and the LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to have a moral conscience and support the People's Budget LA now.

Thank you for your time.

Leora Swerdlow

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From: Frances Vano <francesvano@gmail.com>  
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org  
Bcc: alison.simard@lacity.org  
Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 20:33:50 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Do your job as the voice of Angelenos and support the People's Budget LA NOW

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Hi Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. To be more specific, I am a fourth year UCLA student and a part of Samahang Pilipino, a Filipino organization on campus. My zip code is 90024.

I'm demanding you to support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. The LAPD doesn't NEED 50% of LA's unrestricted revenues. Only 5% maximum of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD. We need to redirect and reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into other aspects of the community; such as, and not limited to, social work, affordable housing, accessible healthcare, etc. These are areas that, when funded adequately, can and WILL improve the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert specific emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, L.A. has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has been made clear (through both physical and digital actions) that LA must NOT use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

For reference, here is a Twitter thread of police officers inciting violence at peaceful protests all over the country: <https://twitter.com/ghsttwn/status/1266869210539589634>

LAPD isn't exempt from this violence either. Just this last week, LAPD shot and killed 18-year-old Andres Guardado. LAPD has shown their abusive nature and lack of control time and time again. Killing Andres Guardado didn't make this community "safer".

The violence against Angelenos practicing their First Amendment right by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded...NOW. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Best,  
Frances Vano

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From: Michael Darling <michaelpinodarling@gmail.com>  
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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:04:11 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Do your job, defund the LAPD

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Good afternoon Councilmember Koretz and staff,

I am a resident of Rancho Park in District 5. My zip code is 90064 and I am writing because I am disgusted by Councilmember Koretz' inaction during this moment. It is time for him to do the right thing for once in his life and stand up to the lawlessness of the LAPD and their incompetent oaf of a police chief.

I am demanding you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

- *Optional: include personal story or anecdote.*
- *Optional: The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

I'd also like to address the councilmember's staff. How are you holding Councilmember Koretz accountable for his inaction? Did you want to work in city government to help people or are you just in it to accrue power? Do you believe Black lives matter? How can you look yourself in the mirror knowing that the Councilmember has done nothing but support the LAPD during their campaign of terrorism against peaceful Angelenos over the last month? Your silence makes you complicit and it's time for you to do something, because if Councilmember Koretz is too corrupt or lazy to do his job, then you better do something. Otherwise, how do you sleep?

Thank you,

Michael Darling

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Date: Sat Jun 27 2020 18:01:08 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Do Your Job. Care for the LA Community.

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a UCLA student and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Chloe Smith

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From: matilda sakamoto <tildasho@gmail.com>

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 01:27:21 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: dude

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I don't live in District 5. But your actions are so concerning I am reaching out. I live in Hollywood Adam LA born and raised. I'm disappointed that you are ruining my home. GET OUT disgusting excuse for a person.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Get it together you sad excuses for people and try to actually help people instead of lining your tacky pockets**

**Matilda**

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From: Nancy Lee <nenshi86@gmail.com>

To: paul.koretz@lacity.org

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 09:26:25 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Email from constituent in CD5

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Nancy Lee and I work at the Hammer Museum at UCLA, which is in your district. I'm extremely proud to be part of the Westwood community and university campus and I am urging you to prioritize our people over police. A few weeks ago we saw how LAPD brutalized peaceful protestors and journalists. This is inexcusable. The fact that UCLA's Jackie Robinson Stadium as a detention space for those same peaceful protestors is also a horror, and I am part of a UCLA-wide movement to divest from police at the university as well.

Please support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community.

Also please support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Be on the right side of history. The police have got to go and supporting this outdated institution of racist origin is NOT a good look.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Lee

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From: "nanaironoashita@yahoo.com" <nanaironoashita@yahoo.com>  
To: "alison.simard@lacity.org" <alison.simard@lacity.org>  
Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 16:37:14 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Fw: Please support the People's Budget Proposal

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I would love the support of a fellow one-L'ed, Alison, to share my message with Council Member KorteZ. Could you please ask him to revise the current city budget? Please ask him to support Council Member Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert emergency calls away from police and towards an unarmed, trained crisis response team.

Thank you,  
Alison

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**From:** nanaironoashita@yahoo.com <nanaironoashita@yahoo.com>  
**To:** paul.koretz@lacity.org <paul.koretz@lacity.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020, 4:33:26 PM PDT  
**Subject:** Please support the People's Budget Proposal

Dear Council Member KorteZ,

I recently returned to LA and am trying to be more attuned with my city's governance and policies. In recent months, I've become even more aware of how much of my work is deeply reliant on the support of city and statewide funding due to COVID-19. I work with health departments, coalitions, and hospitals to gain an understanding of the needs of communities and implement strategic plans. Our latest findings indicate community outreach and preventative measures lead to a healthier community.

As a young person looking back at my education and having grown up thanks to LAUSD, one of my greatest wishes was to have learned how to be a whole person. I've had to do a lot of research and personal experience outside of LA to gain perspective of my community. Finding support to learn what's right from wrong, how the world works, and figure out who I am, was a long process and I'm still learning. I don't want others to feel that they have to leave LA in order to learn this. There must be a better way.

I've returned to the place that I call home. I want to take everything that I've learned and give back to my community. However, I know the world doesn't operate off of passion and goodwill. It needs funding. Funding to keep programs alive.

Yes, police need funding too. I empathize with them because my great-grandfather was a police officer for LAPD. However, there must be a way to support both the police force and city programs equally.

Please say yes to the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget. Please support Council Member Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert emergency calls away from police and towards an unarmed, trained crisis response.

Thank you for your time.  
Sincerely,  
Alison

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From: Alison Simard <alison.simard@lacity.org>  
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Subject: Fwd: Fw: Please support the People's Budget Proposal

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This one addresses the spelling of my name :)



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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:17:38 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: Fw: Please support the People's Budget Proposal

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Date: Sat Jun 27 2020 13:16:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Fwd: City Employee Letter to Mayor and City Council

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Hi Koretz Staffers, please see the forwarded email calling for City Hall workers to join in solidarity with BLM-LA and the People's Budget. Now is not the time to be silent.

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From: Noelle Stehman <noelle.stehman@gmail.com>

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Date: Sun Jun 28 2020 17:32:13 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Fwd: Forwarded Letter to Paul Koretz and Council requesting Adoption of People's Budget LA

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Dear District 5 Council Staff Members,

I am a member of District 5. First and foremost, I want to thank you for your service in our community. Second, due to the important imminent vote on the budget, I would like to make you aware of the request letter that I sent to Councilmember Koretz and forwarded to the City Council regarding adopting the People's Budget and creating legitimate and adequately funded trained services to help our communities fix what is broken and flourish.

Sincerely,  
Noelle Stehman  
District 5

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From: Sana Khawaja <san.khawaja@gmail.com>  
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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 08:38:52 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Hello from South Robertson

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Sana and I'm an Angeleno living in District 5. I have made South Robertson my home; my zip code is 90035.

I'm writing to urge you to support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. As your constituent, I am happy to explain this to you in as much detail as you want if you have any questions.

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's inflated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. Please help people; you have the power to do it.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. We must act now.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos. I want to feel South Robertson is truly safe.

Thank you,  
Sana Khawaja

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Date: Fri Jul 10 2020 18:22:26 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Hey

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90094.

I support the constituents who [came to protest at your home](#) on Saturday 6/27, and I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Hundreds of your constituents signed our petition to support the People's Budget LA and a multi-billion dollar cut from LAPD's budget, and it is time for you to listen to us.

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you support the People's Budget LA and the [motion](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department.

- *You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, district 5 has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions in our district — that LA must not use its money to fund LAPD.

- *Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent, persistent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**You're a loser try to care about your constituents. The budget that was passed is pitiful and we are not done fighting**

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From: David-Alex Official <david.daax@gmail.com>

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Date: Wed Jul 01 2020 20:49:08 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Humanitarian demands on the problems at large

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I reside near UCLA in Westwood and am active in the LGBT communities. My zip code is 90024.

I am sending this email to demand your support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

- *The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

- *Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

*David-Alex West*

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:49:23 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: I am your constituent.

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I just moved here 2 years ago and my zip code is 90036. I work in R&D as a scientist for a cancer research startup here in LA.

I am writing this email to demand you support the People's budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. I strongly believe that 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, definitely not 50%.

I have gone to protests and witnessed with my own eyes the police brutality first hand. The police are not helping, and the extreme response to peaceful protest terrifies me for the future. I am sure you are well aware at this point that LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television and Chief Moore blamed the murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. The public's trust in the police has eroded and you are in the position of power now to make a lasting change.

In addition, I also demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. The police have shown time and time again that they are only capable of using excessive force. Please protect your constituents.

Thank you,  
Danielle Chan

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From: Taylor Spaur <tjspaur@yahoo.com>

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Date: Sun Jun 28 2020 12:34:44 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: I demand a Peoples budget!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an constituent and a tenant in 90094. I love my community and want all to be safe who live here. I support the People's Budget and am disappointed you do not. As a tax payer, I expect a good return on my money. The police do not achieve that end. Instead of 50% of the city budget, lets start with 5%. TRY SOMETHING NEW!

I also urge your support of Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. TRY SOMETHING NEW!

The violence shown by the LAPD over last weeks is undeniable. No more murders!

Thanks for your time,  
Taylor Spaur

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Bcc: alison.simard@lacity.org  
Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:08:52 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: I want Care not Cops, defund the police

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

Hi. My name is Rylee Crowley. I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am currently a rising senior at UCLA. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

At UCLA, I am part of an organization called Hunger Project. We participate in various forms of outreach and community service projects across LA, especially aiding those who are experiencing homelessness. We listen to a lot of people, both in the academic world and living in shelters, about their grievances about how LA continues to fail its most vulnerable residents. One of the most striking and commonly heard complaints is about the criminalization of homelessness and the fear and violence that police cause. This is on top of the growing crisis of rising rents, lack of safe/affordable housing, and gentrification. The fact that this county continues to prioritize policing and not funding for housing, social services, and other things that would benefit the residents that need it the most is despicable. I am pleading you to listen to the people. We NEED these services more than ever, especially during this pandemic. *You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. I have listened to stories from fellow Westwood residents about the fear they felt during these times. During the week leading up to finals, protestors were detained at Jackie Robinson Stadium for speaking out against police brutality. Some of my peers experienced those inhumane conditions-- in the middle of a pandemic-- and were denied food, water, and essential services. Listening to these stories highlight how much the LAPD fails to keep us healthy and safe. We need to fund better institutions instead.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Rylee Crowley  
Economics Major  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Class of 2021

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Date: Mon Jun 29 2020 17:54:41 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: I Want Care Not Cops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a business owner, actor, and a member of the LGBTQ+ community. My zip code is 91504.

I am writing today to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown that it overwhelmingly supports defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. The whole world watched as:

- LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television.
- Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors.
- Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now! I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Aaron Tyler

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:33:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: In Support of People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a Geography student at UCLA and my zip code is 90024. I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

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Danny Clark

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:42:30 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: KORETZ! Adopt The Peoples Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz & team,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I'm an employee at Warner Music Group and I am 28 years old. My zip code is 90048.

I have been asking myself this question and I urge you to do the same: **Do you want your tax money to line the pockets of a group of (often uneducated, poorly trained, violent, biased, racist, even murderous) police officers, who live above the law (via qualified immunity) and carry deadly weapons? OR would you rather see that money go towards mental health services, unarmed counselors who are trained to de-escalate social conflict, EDUCATION, and social services for the poor / underserved Black communities? If you can't answer that question in under 5 seconds, RESIGN. RESIGN IMMEDIATELY....And if you CAN, and choose to do nothing about it, WE ARE GOING TO VOTE YOU OUT. It is simple. Here are our demands:**

**OUR DEMANDS ARE CLEAR:**

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, **not 50%!!!!** That number is preposterous. I don't want the great majority of our community's tax money to go toward an inherently biased, racist, violent and disorderly organization that does anything but "protect and serve" our neighborhoods.

We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [\*\*Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769\*\*](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the **city should prioritize universal needs** (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Do the right thing. WAKE UP.

Sincerely,

Margo

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 20:07:49 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Re: KORETZ! Adopt The Peoples Budget LA

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Hi Debbie,

Thanks for responding on his behalf. Looping your entire team back in. A few more questions for you and him:

- Has he watched The People's Budget LA presentation given at a city council meeting that he did not attend? You're in luck! You can still view every slide of the presentation here: <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/presentation/>. This very clearly lays out the reasons why we feel the "*arbitrary cuts*" he speaks of are needed. They aren't arbitrary at all. They are VERY deliberate. And these demands are coming from a large sample size of his constituents who made their voices heard and took the survey to show where they would rather reallocate this money. **We did the work for you!**
- Why does the city spend over \$3 Billion to fund the LAPD? Where does the money go to?

Please show us a breakdown of where the LAPD funds go to. Until then, we will plot and plan to vote him out of our City Council. And We. Will. Vote. Him. Out. Until. He. Starts. Listening. To. His. Constituents. Who. He. Works. For. Good luck to any Old White Male holding public office in the youngest, most liberal city America. A man who refuses to take the time to look at the data from a massive survey given to his own constituents?....Well luck won't solve that problem.

(P.S. WE ARE AWARE KNOW THAT THE LAPPD DONATED 56K TO HIS LAST CAMPAIGN)

Goodbye,

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Date: Tue Jun 30 2020 11:30:38 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: LA Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I take extension courses at UCLA,. My partner and I have lived in Palms for the last 3 years and we intend to stay here for more years to come. My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to express my disappointment in your recent budget proposal. While I am glad you are in favor of cutting the LAPD budget, your proposed budget does not go far enough. I find it ridiculous that over half of our city's budget goes toward the police, while we are in the middle of a pandemic and the unhouse population continues to rise. We should be investing in affordable housing, schools and teachers, food programs, environmental protection, economic relief and healthcare. We do not need more guns, tear gas, or parking tickets.

I demand that you support the People's Budget LA and the [motion](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%.

The recent, persistent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Taylar Morrissey

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 12:11:03 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: LA budget--defund the police

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a resident of Los Angeles and I live in District 5. I am a Loyola Law School student. My zip code is 90035.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. The LAPD should NOT be receiving 50% of LA's unrestricted revenue. If anything, the LAPD should be receiving closer to 5%. We need to reinvest the LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

I have lived in Los Angeles for a majority of my life, and I have never felt or been protected by the LAPD. Instead, I have seen over and over how LAPD officers berate houseless people for simply being outside, racially profile Black members of our community, and use aggression and threats of force in ALL interactions with members of the public. I am tired of the LAPD being free to terrorize Angelenos while facing zero repercussions. I am tired of hearing that we do not have enough money as a city to address decrepit infrastructure, homelessness, and unemployment when we see that a majority of our money goes to the LAPD--who again, does nothing to solve those issues.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department.

You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities--the most at risk of police brutality and murder--to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos, not just the wealthy ones. By voting against cuts to the LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me. You are accountable to your constituents, not the LAPPL, regardless of where your campaign donations came from.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear, through both physical and digital actions, that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, NOW. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,  
Tiffany Wood

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 22:00:22 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: LAPD reform

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Dear Councilmember Koretz:

I am a constituent in your council district (zip code 90036), and am writing you today to express my deep disappointment in your NO vote to even a modest cut in the LAPD's massive budget, and in your tweet that property destruction was "no less troubling" than the murder of George Floyd. I urge you to take a stronger stance in being a proponent for true reform in the LAPD.

The proposed [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, revising the LAPD's share of unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD down to 5%, and [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams, are both worthy ideas that merit your support.

We need to both reallocate LAPD's bloated budget into the community, and begin a serious review of what functions and responsibilities can be taken away from an overburdened and undertrained police force that has no business in having some of these responsibilities in the first place.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. I hope with the power of your vote that you demonstrably show your commitment to the reimagining of public safety for Angelenos.

Ryan Chingcuangco

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Date: Tue Jun 30 2020 12:13:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Last Chance at Redemption

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I'm writing you once more to ask that you listen to the requests of your constituents and **support the People's Budget LA** for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

I am an Angeleno, and I live in District Five. I work in the film/television industry, and I have lived in Palms for the past four years. My zip code is 90034.

Five percent of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not fifty percent. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you **support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769** to divest emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

By devoting these superfluous funds to the community, your voters will see that you want to build us up, not tear us down. Your support would show that you actually care about how this pandemic is affecting your people, not just how it's affecting your wallet. **You have an opportunity to make Los Angeles a place where people can thrive, not just get by.** This is your last chance to do what we are asking of you. If you choose not to support this movement, we will not forget come election time. **You have the responsibility, now you must wield it with purpose or be left in the dust.**

I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Amentt

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 12:13:28 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: LISTEN TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a 4th year UCLA Student and I live in District 5, zipcode 90024.

I write to you today to demand your support for the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. LAPD's overfunded allocation NEEDS to be redistributed back into the community. I also demand your support for Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769, which redirects emergency calls away from the police and instead toward unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

**By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.**

Over the past two weeks, the city of LA and your constituents have shown overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is absolutely unacceptable. LAPD must be defunded, immediately. You must support the People's Budget LA, and take this integral step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

I look forward to seeing the changes you will help make. Thank you for your time and for honoring the principles of democracy,

**Talia Gloster**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:33:52 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Los Angeles -- Covid 19 Response

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Dear All,

**Hundreds of thousands will be homeless in Los Angeles before the end of the year if we don't make a drastic change.**

Please defect from a wrong-headed generational support of an apartheid Los Angeles.

My students are dying in the streets. They work incredibly hard with little to no resources. No health care. Housing precarity.

They deserve your support. Please LOVE your neighbors and defect from this apartheid practice of funding the police to oppress the majority of BIPOC LA residents!!!

Generation Z knows this is unconscionable. So do you!!

Thank you!

In solidarity,  
Claire Phillips

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 09:50:47 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject:

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a rising UCLA second year and will be moving into an apartment in Westwood this fall. My zip code is 90095

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Eden Breslauer-Friedman**

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 12:53:32 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Paul Koretz Should Support The People's Budget!

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My Name is Eddie and I am an Angeleno and I live in Palms. My zip code is 90034. I have been involved in the protests for defunding the police and support the demands of Black Lives Matter LA, Students Deserve and the People's Budget.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

We need the city to care for the most at risk individuals, most prominently the Black youth, who are most at-risk to be murdered by LAPD.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Eddie Hustleby

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:30:52 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: People's Budget LA - Come on!!!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

Again, here I am, writing to you. My name is Annie and I live in your district, in the lovely community of Pico Robertson -- my zip code is 90035. I work in the entertainment industry and have called LA my home for 5 years now.

I called a week ago to ask you to follow Herb Wesson's lead with motion 20-0769. I really need you to be doing more. Your constituents are progressive and liberal and ready for changes in Los Angeles local government. I need you to reflect my beliefs instead of doing rogue things like voting against a report looking into an LAPD budget cut. This isn't going away any time soon -- you need to open your eyes. Again, I ask you to support the People's Budget LA for the next fiscal year and revise our budget. It's embarrassing that you voted against that report. What are your values? What do you stand for? I don't understand, currently, and I don't believe it represents your constituents' wishes. Support the People's Budget LA and help us make history in reimagining Angelenos' public safety--this is your chance to right the course. Please! I urge you!

Thank you for reading --  
Annie Winerip

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:46:57 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: People's Budget LA 2020-2021

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Gianna Tunzi and I am an Angeleno who lives in District 5. I am a UCLA student who lives and works in Westwood (zip code 90024). I am [calling/writing] to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Gianna Tunzi

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Gianna Tunzi  
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Date: Tue Jun 30 2020 20:33:19 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: People's budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a business owner and tenant in 90024.

I support the constituents who [came to protest at your home](#) on Saturday 6/27, and I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Hundreds of your constituents signed our petition to support the People's Budget LA and a multi-billion dollar cut from LAPD's budget, and **it is time for you to listen to us.**

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you support the People's Budget LA and the motion to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department.

- *You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, district 5 has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions in our district— that LA must not use its money to fund LAPD.

- *Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent, persistent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Erik Goodman

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 17:41:43 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: People's budget now district 5

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I work in District 5. I am an alumni of UCLA and current staff member.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

As a student at UCLA, it blew my mind how security and policing at athletic and entertainment events were prioritized over resources students actually WANT and NEED. Please know that by increasing the police budget in district 5 you are also setting a dangerous and unnecessary precedent for the university. If you support the people's budget, however, you are showing that you support the needs and wants of students and district 5 civilians alike — mental healthcare, education resources, transit. Funding towards systems of care, not oppression.

Thank you,

Ally Adams  
UCLA staff member

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Date: Fri Jun 26 2020 17:17:40 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: People's Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

Hi, Thank you for taking the time to read this. I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a student at USC.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Optional: The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Luke Csordas

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Hello,

I'm reaching out to show support for the People's Budget plan, including the goal of defunding and abolishing the LAPD.

Yeah, I see that some of you are now getting on board in some minor ways. But it's not enough: you ALL need to commit to the *abolition of the LAPD* and the *democratization of its funding*. Garcetti has shown he can't be trusted to write the damn budget, and y'all on City Council have shown you're too malicious/negligent/incompetent to check his homework.

Get with the program.

- James

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Date: Wed Jun 17 2020 09:42:49 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: People's Budget

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Received, thank you.

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Regards,

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**Special Notice:**

Our office is continuing to operate at a normal staffing level, however, due to the Mayor's Directive on coronavirus (COVID-19), our offices are closed to the public at this time. As part of our efforts to mitigate the spread of this virus please call or email our office instead. Additionally, we are in the process of switching all meetings to either web or telephone conferences. Thank you for your understanding.

Nuestra oficina seguirá operando normalmente, pero, por la directiva de el Alcalde Eric Garcetti sobre el caso de Coronavirus (COVID-19), nuestras oficinas estarán cerradas para el público sobre las próximas semanas. Para prevenir el riesgo de contraer el virus y hacer todo lo posible en dar la información más reciente sobre lo que la Ciudad de Los Ángeles y el Distrito 15 están haciendo para combatir esta pandemia, por favor de llamar a nuestra oficina o mandarnos un correo electrónico. En nuestro esfuerzo de prevención, solamente tendremos juntas por teléfono o videoconferencia. Muchas gracias por su colaboración y paciencia!

Immediate life-threatening police, fire or medical emergency: 9-1-1

Police non-emergency: 877-ASK-LAPD (275-5273)

Abandoned Vehicles: 1-800-ABANDON (222-6366)

Sanitation (missed trash pick-up, broken container): 800-773-2489

Traffic control (broken traffic signal): (818) 374-4823

Dept. of Water & Power: 800-342-5397

To request outreach services for people experiencing homelessness LA HOP

Other City issues: 3-1-1

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 23:42:58 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: People's Budget

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Hi Paul,

I'm emailing you to demand that you support the People's Budget. Your vote against the proposed cuts is insulting to all Angelenos. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Brett

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 16:32:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: People's Budget

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Hi Debbie,

His current point of view of this current situation is incredibly underwhelming. Additionally, the link you attached for further explanation of his viewpoint included no additional insight into this seriously disappointing view point. If he's going to tout this opinion as credible, it would be great if he had an actual platform / plan to back it up.

The LAPD has demonstrated their incompetence repeatedly. Angelenos demand real, actual change. The idea that reforming a system that has been so criminal and so broken for so many years is out of touch with the reality the Angelenos (particularly those of black, brown, and poor communities) are currently experiencing. Today the LAPD spoke of reforms at their meeting today, and yesterday the City Councilmembers listened to Chief Michel Moore speak. One of those reforms they spoke about today included 40 hours of education on how to handle mental health crises, which make up a staggering amount of 911 calls. 40 hours is a work week. It's insulting to assume that a police officer who has 40 hours of training is more equipped to handle a mental health crisis than a social worker or a psychiatrist who has years of studying. Additionally they specifically referenced a use of deadly force, in which a police officer murdered a person with Autism; as an example of necessary reforms. What they don't mention is that the cop in their "example" was off duty and fired 10 rounds on Kenneth French at a Costco. When his parents tried to intervene to let the cop know their son was disabled, they were severely wounded by Officer Sanchez's shooting spree. This case was used as an example on their call of why they need reforms and mental health classes. Do you realize how convoluted that sounds? Firing 10 rounds on a disabled man WHILE YOU'RE OFF DUTY at Costco is called murder. How do you reform murder? Why is their first instinct to kill? These are the questions that Koretz needs to seriously consider when he talks about his support of reforms over defunding.

Here's a couple links to articles on this case if you'd like to read further on how the LAPD handled this case:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/michaelbernick/2019/10/29/the-autism-city-the-shooting-at-costco/#540e3a9011f0>

<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2020/06/10/police-commission-off-duty-officer-in-costco-shooting-acted-outside-lapd-policy/>

Michel Moore recommended the police officer be brought back to his desk immediately.

If you're going to consider reforms as an adequate solution, you are completely ignoring the fact that some of these officers first instincts are to kill, arrest, or harm people. This is a serious issue. You are also completely ignoring that there are potentially way more qualified people able to carry out the job they are reforming. Reimagining public safety is just that: Putting the right people in these situations so people don't end up in a body bag. Koretz needs to show up to these meetings with an open heart and mind, because we can see by this email that he's not doing that. Please start listening to Angelenos as they share these terrible stories.

We demand that Koretz be an advocate for the people, not the police.

Thanks for your time,

Brett

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Best,

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 08:38:03 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a 4th year UCLA student, over the past four years I've found a home in Westwood and have been heavily involved in student government at UCLA. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. There have been countless videos and personal anecdotes over the past few weeks and even YEARS of police brutality towards Black people, people of color, and students of color. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Although I am a white student, the presence of police has never made me feel safer at school regardless of setting. I take frequent walks late at night and my community is what makes me feel safe-not any police officer whether that be UCPD or LAPD. Furthermore, the heightened presence of LAPD and the National Guard in Westwood in early June made me fearful to even shop for groceries and I can't even begin to imagine how my Black peers felt. Truly this is unacceptable.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Jackie Lacey, our District Attorney has failed to hold LAPD accountable in any way so now the impetus falls on you to represent us and our demands.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Jacob Panaro**

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Date: Thu Jun 25 2020 10:12:49 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Peoples Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Erin

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Subject: Please Support People's Budget LA and Wesson's motion 20-0769

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I live in Pico Robertson in your district, District 5. I am a new constituent and I moved to Pico Roberston at the end of last year to be part of a new neighborhood that would improve my quality of life. I have lived in Los Angeles for 5 years and I work at USC. My zip code is 90035.

I am sending you this email to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Only 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The reason why I support the People's Budget LA is that it gives [5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Laura

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 18:07:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Please support the People's Budget!!!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I work at a large film studio and live in Palms right off National. My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Thank you for your time,

Pauline Schreibmaier

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:35:38 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Protest Your Boss, Push to Defund LAPD

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Hello,

My name is Carter Moon and I'm resident of Los Angeles. I am writing to urge you to use your influence in Councilmember Koretz's office to push for the defunding of LAPD. We have clearly seen the brutality that our police department is willing to unleash on us as citizens over the past couple of weeks, the time is now to cut their bloated, unnecessary budget in favor of services around the city to deal with our varying interlocking crises. This is a time for leadership and courage, I urge each of you to use your power and influence to transform this city into a more livable and just place for all Angelenos.

Thank you,  
Carter Moon

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Date: Tue Jun 30 2020 17:16:03 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Public Comment Since You Want to Shut Us Out in Meeting.

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My name is Steven Chun. I am a resident of District 5, so I'm speaking to all of you, but especially the lovely Paul Koretz on Item 48 and General Public Comment.

Defund the Police. **\*\*AND.\*\*** REIMAGINE PUBLIC SAFETY. I know you guys like to conveniently leave out that second part. As your constituent and a taxpayer that pays your bills, I demand that you make bigger cuts to the LAPD Gang Budget as proposed in the People's Budget LA. Your measly \$150M cut, which you backtracked to \$133M, is breadcrumbs and is a pathetic and insulting waste of our time. Supporting Item 48, the police reform motion by Wesson and Harris-Dawson is the BARE MINIMUM you can do. I would not even be so generous as to call it the first step in the right direction, it is actually the first *\*glance\** in the right direction that you have resisted for far too long. Don't fool yourself into thinking that we'll leave you alone after you give us some nice words and a common-sense motion that should have been passed YEARS ago. You don't get a pat on the back for doing something that requires so little courage and imagination.

People's City Council and BLM LA have surveyed tens of thousands of your constituents and laid out this data for you, quite literally doing your work for you and showing very clearly what the people want. IT'S. NOT. HARD. Put your money where your mouth is (this requires first taking the LAPD boot out of your mouth) and make a meaningful Investment into the community and alternatives to police because this is what we as a community are demanding. As you guys seem to have forgotten, it is your **\*duty\*** as public servants to follow the demands of your Constituents. I don't care about your personal views on LAPD. I don't care how much money the LAPPL pays you. I don't care how "nice" and "non-racist" your uncle in the LAPD is. Your job is to represent the demands of your CONSTITUENTS NOT your own personal agenda. Rest assured, we'll be here reminding you until it finally gets into your money-hungry, immoral skulls.

NO MORE LIP SERVICE. DO YOUR JOB. I YIELD MY TIME FUCK ALL OF YOU  
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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 20:17:32 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Questions and Concerns about the City Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Liz Levine, your constituent and a resident of Palms (90034). I am certain that your inbox is currently flooded with calls for you to support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams and I join in that plea. I have seen your office's canned response to these emails that you "wonder whether making arbitrary cuts to the LAPD's budget is the right place to begin that process" and I am asking for more.

What makes you believe that anyone is proposing "arbitrary cuts" to the budget? If anything, they are making these calls based on decades of quantitative and qualitative data about the inefficacy (and outright harm) of so much of the city's resources being allocated solely to the LAPD. This issue has been studied ad nauseum; reports have been published and further studies have been funded. All the while, black and brown folks are still being murdered in the streets, in their own houses, in front of their families.

We have seen in the last month that there is massive public support and now political precedent for taking broad based action in dismantling an unjust and ineffective criminal justice system. These are not the pipe dreams of a fringe constituency; this is the will of the people and all attention is now on our elected public officials to make the courageous and necessary pledge to defunding the police. One way or another, your legacy will be painted by either your support for or your opposition to the 21st Century civil rights movement.

I urge you to consider this not as a radical fantasy but as the long-overdue and, frankly, sensible action needed to redress the immense harm that our society has inflicted upon its most marginalized people. This change will happen with or without you, but I do hope that you will consider all that you and your beloved district have to gain from aligning yourself with this movement towards progress.

Thank you for your time,  
Liz Levine  
Palms resident, 90034

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Date: Thu Jun 25 2020 12:10:28 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: No More Acid On Our Community's Open Wounds

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Hello Debbie,

I hope you are doing well. When can I expect a response from you regarding the points and incidents I raised in my previous email? Thank you in advance.

Best,  
Rucha

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Date: Sat Jun 27 2020 19:22:54 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Re: Support Peoples Budget

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Please reconsider supporting the people's budget and not supporting the current proposed budget.

To the privileged the police seem fine but that is not the true reality. Please you can be on the right side of history.

How many more lives have to be taken before you realize there needs to be drastic changes.

Thank you,  
-Dietrich A.

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 18:08:01 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: Support the People's Budget LA

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Dear Ms. Dyner Harris, Councilmember Koretz and staff,

Thank you for reading and considering my input on the city budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and for your prompt response that outlines Councilmember Koretz's point of view. I read the latest newsletter linked in your email, and I want to provide further input in response to some of the perspectives you express in it.

Councilmember Koretz, in this newsletter you commemorate the class of 2020. You rightfully recognize that more than any previous generation, students today experience and are acutely aware of systemic racial and class-based inequality, are extremely well-informed about the conditions of the world around them and bear the urgent responsibility of building a more just, sustainable world. I am one of today's generation of students; I graduated high school in 2018 and am now an undergraduate student at UCLA. Along with my peers, I work hard to educate myself about the world we live in and to expose the injustices in our society that are the symptoms and sustenance of the structures of white supremacy that our country and city were built on. A critical one of these injustices is policing.

Your newsletter acknowledges the injustice of policing by invoking police brutality, including the recent murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police. You then connect current police brutality to our country's history of racist institutions, including policing, mentioning the savage beating of Rodney King, Jim Crow laws that made anti-Black racism a legal requirement and the enslavement of hundreds of thousands of Black people in this country. The connection you make between past and present manifestations of the violence of anti-Black racism and white supremacy in the United States is the very reason why the police must be defunded. It was the police who beat Rodney King 28 years ago. It was the police who violently upheld and enforced Jim Crow laws in the 19th and 20th centuries. And it was the early police who formed slave patrols to ensure that enslaved Black people in the United States would be denied freedom and exploited violently for their entire lives by white settlers.

This is the history of the police, and this is why policing in the United States is an inherently racist institution. Slavery couldn't be reformed - it had to be abolished. Jim Crow laws couldn't be reformed - they had to be overturned. And policing can't be reformed - it must be defunded. Your language of police "reform" is dangerously close to the modern-day equivalent of suggesting revisions be added to Jim Crow laws, or changes be made to the practice of slavery, while perpetuating the existence of these racist and inhumane institutions. You yourself acknowledge that meaningful change must be based on "a genuine acknowledgement of historic and systemic inequities that require more than superficial reforms."

You refer to the police defunding recommended by the People's Budget LA as "making arbitrary cuts to LAPD's budget" and "chopping up the LAPD's budget without adequate analysis." In fact, the People's Budget is based on thorough analysis and is anything but arbitrary. The People's Budget was developed by a coalition of over 20 community organizations deeply in tune with the needs on the ground of the LA community and led by Black Lives Matter - LA. The budget was developed with the input of 24,426 LA residents across the city, and the People's Budget coalition has since engaged with tens of thousands more Angelenos in their online participatory budgeting process and on social media. The cuts to LAPD's budget are based on the

knowledge that policing harms Black, Indigenous, POC, working class and other marginalized communities - knowledge that comes from both a vast body of academic research and a multitude of lived experiences. In addition, the People's Budget clearly lays out where the money from cuts to the LAPD will be redirected, based on the input of a huge number of LA residents: universal aid and crisis management, public infrastructure and reimagined community safety.

The people of Los Angeles know what makes us "LA Strong," and it's not police. As our elected official, I call on you to listen to the people you represent and support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Thank you for your engagement,

Mikaela

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:50:29 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Reallocation of Funds for Community Improvement

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and team,

I am an Angeleno, and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90069.

I ask that you show support for the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and make efforts to revise the current budget accordingly. **Do it slowly if you have to but commit to it entirely. Police officers should not have to bear the burden of playing so many roles.**

The vision is that 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. It is **reinvesting** the LAPD's budget into the community. I urge you to support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards **unarmed, trained crisis response teams**.

You are in the position to make immediate change for people who are living in fear simply because they are black. If the tables were turned, wouldn't you want someone fighting for your best interests?

I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Jessica Ma

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 07:52:24 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Redirect LAPD Funds to Essential Services

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I was born and raised in Westwood, part of District 5. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand that you support efforts to reduce the LAPD's enormous budget. We need to put that money into services that this community actually needs, not more and more cops. I also demand that you support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Growing up in Los Angeles, seeing the homelessness and the poverty that members of our community are facing, never once did I think that this city needs more resources going into the LAPD. The police cannot and will not solve the problems that our community is facing. We need more money going into housing, mental health care, clean air and water protections, and other essential services.

The world is watching LA. You have a chance to be part of a massive wave of change. Listen to your constituents. Please do the right thing.

Thank you,  
Haleh Kanani

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Date: Mon Jun 29 2020 10:08:29 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Reform is not enough

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Dear Councilman Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. **I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.**

One of your staffers sent me your comments in response to a previous email I sent to you. You have missed the point of what many Angelenos, including myself, are calling on you to do.

**Reform is not enough! We already know that more bodycams and more training is not sufficient to stop police brutality.** We need a real transformation in the way the city of Los Angeles allocates its resources.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

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Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed.

This is unacceptable, and LAPD must be defunded. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

Thank you for your time.

Levon Haroutunian

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 17:10:32 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Regarding the People's Budget

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Hi all, but specifically Mr. Paul Koretz,

My name is MaryKate Meath, and I'm a resident of your district in the Palms neighborhood in Los Angeles, zip code 90034. In fact, I've lived in your district almost the entire time I've lived in Los Angeles, and I love district 5 immensely. That being said, we can do better.

Mr. Koretz, you must support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. There are so many better uses for that money, and I think you know that. 50% of the revenue is going to the LAPD, when in reality -- think of what that money could do for our city? Our district? Our schools? Palms Middle School is right around the corner from me; I want to see that school and community thriving just as much as any private school in Los Angeles is given the opportunity to. I continuously donate my time to our community, and I want to feel that my time is being met with work from our elected officials. If it's not, make no mistake; we will vote you out.

Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert emergency calls away from the police and towards crisis response teams is also important. It's a fantastic motion, and I expect you to support it. You know that district 5 is very lucky; we have plenty of affluent people living in our neighborhoods, supporting our businesses, going to our schools. But we also have people who need help. I myself have been in situations in which I felt unsafe on our streets, but did not call the police for fear that it would make the situation even MORE unsafe. I do not trust our LA cops. If we don't trust the people we're supposed to call to protect us, then what job are they even doing? By allowing this to persist, you are failing your constituents.

The support for the People's Budget in our city is clear. Now, it's up to you to put action behind your collective constituents voices. Please support the People's Budget LA. Think not only of how many lives it could save, but how many lives it could change--by providing schools with more resources, homes to those without them, and mental health help to people who so desperately need it.

Thank you for your time,

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 21:31:11 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Reinvest in Our communities - CarenotCops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and resident in the apartments in the Westwood area. My zip code is 90024 in the district.

I am writing to ask you to support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. An insanely large amount of the budget is going to the LAPD, when our education services and health services are what our community benefits on and depends on. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I ask that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Police brutality and misconduct is evident within the community, as with the unlawful killing of Andres Guardado and the militarization of Westwood that threatened the safety of numbers of UCLA students and our LA community just weeks ago.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:36:50 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Stand against Paul Koretz

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Dear Staffers,

My name is Samantha Spaccasi and I am a resident of Los Angeles. I want to write to express my disappointment, dismay, and absolute outrage in the Councilmember's vote against the proposed LAPD cuts.

Throughout this entire process, Koretz has shown disdain for the People's Budget Coalition, led by Black Lives Matter LA. His vote clearly shows that he is serving the interests of the LAPPL, LAPD, and his white constituents (the same folks who increased the segregation of schools on the Westside in the 70s through their anti-bussing initiatives). Angelenos have shown overwhelming support for the People's Budget and to defund the LAPD for over a month. What is he doing on this council if he refuses to even listen to the interests of the people he serves?

Through his vote, he has shown to be an ally of white supremacy. Koretz has continued to cheer on the LAPD in their brutal show of force against peaceful protesters, saying that the looting of property was "no less troubling" than the "death of George Floyd." How he can value the property over the life of an innocent man, and lives of innocent Angelenos, shows he has no business serving the people of this city.

I implore you, staffers, to stand up against this corrupt individual. Support BLM LA, the People's Budget Coalition, and take a stand against white supremacy. History will not look kindly upon Paul Koretz, who has proven time and again he has more interest in upholding white supremacy than using his position to create a more just and equitable Los Angeles.

Please do the right thing.

Samantha Spaccasi

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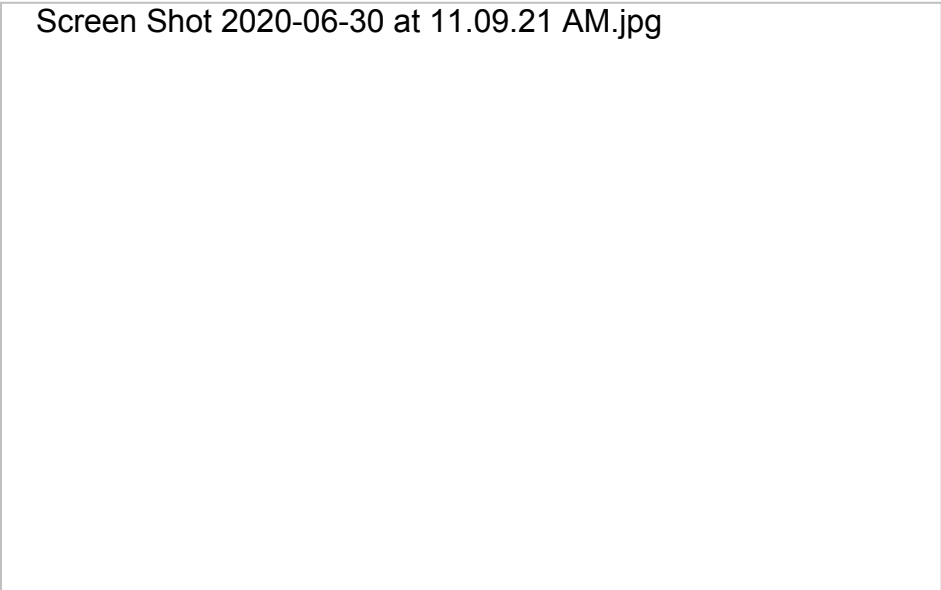
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Cc: paul.koretz@lacity.org  
Date: Tue Jun 30 2020 11:49:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support Motion 20-0769 & a Peoples Budget

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My name is Stephanie "Stef" Hirsch and I am emailing in **support of Wesson - Dawson motion 20-0769** on the City Council Agenda on 06/30/2020 - the day before Mayor Garcetti's deplorable budget for fiscal year 20-21 is go into effect tomorrow which would reward over half of the funds to police.

Want to express my **ongoing support for Black Lives Matter** and the demands they put forward and steps they expertly laid out for you in their presentation of a Peoples Budget which embodies the vision of our community. If this body continues to drag their feet know that the people will remember and when Election day comes (and every day up to and afterwards) we will flex our power to replace you. As a resident in CD5 I want to condemn in particular the opposition to Defunding the LAPD by my councilperson Mr. Koretz. To quote from his [May 31st Newsletter](#) to constituents;

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*"As last night came to an end, I was surrounded by the sounds of sirens, looting, and burning buildings around me. Sadly this should have been a day of peaceful protests of the devastating and senseless murder of George Floyd and all who suffer the inequities of abject murder and racism. The murder of an innocent man, and the issues surrounding his tragic death, have been lost in the destruction of our neighborhoods."*

This sentiment was emphasized by a [tweet of his a day before](#) which equated the destruction of property with the loss of life which he then described as a "*tragic death*" the very next day.

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*"I'm heartbroken over the senseless death of George Floyd. The violence & looting we saw last night was no less troubling." - @PaulKoretzCD5, May 30th 2020*

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After public backlash to this tone-deaf tweet he tried to walk back the comments citing the difficulty in expressing nuance on the social media platform. But was not refrained when he continued to build on his facetious contempt for protest. And demonstrated no nuance with his language in the same May newsletter. He continues to lament the damage to property in the area that both my Grandparents lived and Mother was raised;

*"I toured the Beverly Fairfax district, which is my neighborhood. I found vandalism and destruction all along Third St., Beverly Blvd. and Fairfax Ave. Particularly disheartening was the vandalism to the Fairfax Jewish community. Fairfax is the center of the oldest active Jewish neighborhood in Los Angeles. Synagogues and Jewish institutions and Jewish-owned businesses were graffitied."*

I want the Councilmember to know that, as a 3rd generation Angeleno and member of Bend The Arc Jewish Action, I and others in our community stand unequivocally with Black Lives Matter LA and support the calls to #DefundThePolice. I am disgusted at the trivializing of the experience of *"all who suffer the inequities of abject murder and racism"* by comparing the centuries long destruction and violence and looting of Black communities and bodies to misdemeanor vandalism. Walls can be repainted. Property can be replaced. **But the lives lost to a racist and violent policing institution cannot.**

I hope the councilperson will reverse his previous stances and join us and members of his community under the banner #Jews4BlackLives and the countless protestors who are standing up at this historic moment to Defend Black Lives. **Will Mr.Koretz support the motion and move towards reconciliation for the devastation that is Racism by working with Black Lives Matter LA and commit to defunding the bloated budget rewards to the LAPD?**

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In Solidarity,

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 07:30:10 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support People's Budget LA

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Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Maya Richardson. I live in District 5 and my zip code is 90024. As a UCLA student, tenant in Westwood, and member of UCLA's Students for Community Outreach, Promotion, and Education, I am appalled with the amount of funding currently being given to the LAPD.

As a member of your district, I demand that you support the **People's Budget LA** for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. We should not be allocating 50% of LA's unrestricted revenues to the LAPD. That number should be more like 5% - the rest of the funds should be reinvested into the community. I demand that you also support **Councilmember Wesson's motion 0-0769** which would contribute to the health and safety of the community by diverting certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The City of LA should be prioritizing universal needs, pandemic recovery, reimagined public safety over a police department that is ill-regulated, abusive, and racist. **You have the duty and obligation to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities - the most at risk of murder and abuse by police - to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos.** By voting to uphold a ridiculous amount of funding to the LAPD budget, you are failing your constituents.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The people of LA have been protesting to make their voices heard. The police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. **I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.**

Thank you for your time,

Maya Richardson

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:45:42 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Support People's Budget LA now!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a recent UCLA graduate, and my zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. **5%** of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, **not 50%**. We need to begin reinvesting LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Council-member Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards **unarmed, trained crisis response teams**.

The People's Budget LA proposes to give only **5.7%** to the police, because the city should prioritize **universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department**. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Bhavya Malladi

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Date: Thu Jun 25 2020 17:14:54 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and a law student at UCLA School of Law in Westwood. I am writing to demand that you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

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Thank you for your time,

Madhavi

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:37:33 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: SUPPORT PEOPLE'S LA BUDGET

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. **I am a UCLA student and student worker as well.** My zip code is 90094.

I am [calling/writing] to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

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Thank you for your time,

**Beeta Ahmadi.**

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:14:06 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support Peoples Budget for LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA medical student and my zip code is 90066.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*As a medical professional, the current police budget has and will continue to negatively impact our community members health. The budget for the LAPD MUST be redistributed to services that improve community well being.*

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Thank you for your time,

**Kaylin Gonzalez**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 22:53:37 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support The People's Budget and Cut LAPD's Funding

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I live in the Pico-Robertson neighborhood and work with Ground Game LA/POWER LA. My zip code is 90035.

This last week was incredibly disappointing. Despite overwhelming public support for a more humane and balanced budget you are keeping your intransigent line against even exploring how we might rein in LAPD's \$3 billion annual budget.

In the past month I have seen LAPD officers attack Angelenos with batons, impact rounds, and chemical weapons just for exercising their 1st Amendment rights. I have treated teenagers and seniors for exposure to tear gas and pepper spray. I have seen LAPD beat a man walking with a cane because he couldn't comply with their orders fast enough.

In short: I have seen your decisions fund violence and cruelty on our streets. If you think being a step or two removed from these actions absolves you guilt you are sorely mistaken.

We know that LAPD officers draw outsized salaries and pensions while being the deadliest police force in the nation.

We know that your fellow Councilmembers have engaged in outright corruption while sitting on the dais with you, while you said nothing.

We know that you have the power to change things and choose not to.

You have a duty to protect your constituents, and you are failing.

The path forward is clear: support a People's Budget, cut LAPD's budget, investigate LAPD for their corruption, and divert resources to housing, education, and healthcare.

2022 isn't far off and we have long memories.

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Timothy Hayes  
Organizer  
Ground Game LA

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:35:08 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Support the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a 4th year UCLA student. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Thank you for your time,

Emily Dieffenbach

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 11:02:55 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Support the People's Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a PhD student at UCLA and plan to settle in LA for the future. My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Sara Wilf

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**Sara Wilf** (she/her)

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 20:50:09 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: support the people's budget

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Dear Councilman,

PLEASE support the People's Budget LA. Your constituents value life over property. Your vote must reflect the views of those you serve.

Thank you,  
Scott Gallopo

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 23:55:25 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support the People's Budget LA & Defund The Police

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and recent graduate of UCLA. As our district's council member, you have a duty to listen to your constituents demands. However, you are currently not adhering to what the people of your district as well as the wider community of LA is demanding of you.

I will be clear. The residents of your district, the students of UCLA, and the wider LA community will do everything in our power to vote you out if you do not divest funds from the LAPD. We see that you have voted against the cuts the Mayor has proposed. First of all, even the cuts currently proposed to LAPD are not enough. Yet, you still have the audacity to vote against this small step in progress.

I along with the organizing power of the UCLA Undergraduate Student Association demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. You can still help change the oppressive systems that terrorize black and brown communities.

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past month, the people of LA has demonstrated a powerful call to defund the LAPD. We have shown our desire to defund the police through in person protests and online campaigns. This movement will NOT be going away even if the news cycle moves on. The people of LA will not stop until defunding the police and reinvestment in community efforts occurs.

I demand that you support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards re-envisioning the community for Angelenos.

From,  
Gaby Sarmiento

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Date: Sun Jun 28 2020 18:15:14 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget

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Hello Councilmember Koretz,

I am from and live in Los Angeles. I live near Westwood, district 5. My zip code is 90027.

I am emailing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Eleanor Hammond**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 20:47:33 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Support the People's Budget LA!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and staff,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a Political Science student at UCLA who cares deeply about the safety and equity provided to all members of my community. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Megan Tobias

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Fri Jun 26 2020 11:00:48 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a constituent of yours in District 5. My zip code is 90046.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

My husband has worked in both mental health and housing as a case manager, so he has experienced firsthand the lack of resources available in these areas. Now the pandemic has laid bare how dire these situations are, with the threat of homelessness, mental health crises, and food insecurity becoming even greater for many people. The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past few weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents. This is not protecting and serving.

The recent violence by the LAPD against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Cariad Owen

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:35:06 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Support the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student, and would like my voice as a constituent heard. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The police do not provide safety. And it is true, they are spread too thin. By diverting funds by supporting the People's Budget LA, resources can be put towards non-violent, unarmed first responders.*

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Riley Segal

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:51:54 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I was born and raised in West LA. My family has been renting, working, and attending schools on the Westside since the seventies. Our current zip code is 90064. I have been involved in community organizing since I was a small child. Today I work with various organizations on anti-racist work and dismantling systems of oppression that are running rampant in my hometown and destroying the livelihoods of our great citizens. This is why I demand that you support the People's Budget. Myself and hundreds of other Los Angeles residents have been calling in and listening to the City Budget meetings, and making this demand loud and clear. Councilmember Koretz— We have heard you voice your direct opposition to this sound and justice-oriented budget that will directly meet the needs of our most vulnerable communities. The fact that you do not agree with this plan shows us clearly where your priorities are, and that you are willing to uphold the system that thrives on white supremacy, colonialism, and patriarchal ideals. We are extremely disappointed. If you truly serve the people, as elected officials are intended to, you will reevaluate your position and listen to the cries of your citizens. Support the People's Budget, and follow the lead of your fellow Councilmember Wesson by backing motion 20-0769 to divert emergency calls away from the Police and toward unarmed crises response teams.

In the wake of George Floyd's death, I joined thousands in the streets of West Los Angeles, where we exercised our First Amendment Rights to protest against the Racist power structures that invoke violence against our people. Infuriatingly, the state's response to our movement, was to meet us with even more violence. Tear gas, rubber bullets, beatings, thousands of illegal arrests—this must be stopped. Your constituents are asking you to reimagine community safety and divest from the status quo. No more money should be funneled to the LAPD. We will keep fighting. What side of history do you want to be on?

With urgency,

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 12:22:24 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Support the People's Budget

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I am writing today to ask you please to support the People's Budget. You are here to serve us, you are elected by us, please listen to us! We want care, not cops. We want more investment in our communities, even if it means divesting in police. Defund the police and fund the people! We are asking for better and fair education, clean environments, free healthcare, none of this is provided by police. The police are doing nothing to help us, why is so much of our tax money going to them and not the things we are telling you we need.

Thank you for your time

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 13:59:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: SUPPORT THE PEOPLES BUDGET LA #carenotcops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student living in Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's excessive budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. This will help in drug and domestic violence cases and save lives.

The People's Budget prioritizes universal needs, public health, and is especially necessary during COVID-19. Furthermore it is needed to best serve Black and Indigenous communities who have been disproportionately affected by police violence and coronavirus. By voting against LAPD Budget cuts you are failing your constituents.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. LAPD has reacted to peaceful protesters using completely unnecessary violence and escalation, harming your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Shruti I**

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 15:08:21 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support your Constituents

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and Staffers,

My name is Bridget Lerman. I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I live in Encino (91316) and am a UCLA alumni.

I serve youth across the San Fernando Valley as a Health Educator. In my role, I have seen the impact of systemic and socioeconomic inequity. Students and families have many unmet needs that time and time again manifest in adverse outcomes. Students of color and of low socioeconomic status are suffering disproportionately. Additionally, as a Public Health Specialist, I am horrified at the priorities of the proposed budget. We have thousands of people ill in our communities and far too many deaths and hospitalizations. Our system must change to prioritize the health and wellness of our community members.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and horrific. People are being unjustly assaulted, detained, and murdered. LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos. Please consider placing your people first.

Thank you for your time,

**Bridget Lerman**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 19:16:25 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: The People's Budget

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Dear Council Members, I am a constituent of district 14, Mitch O'Farrell, in Atwater Village. It is imperative that we adopt the people's budget for LA. Folks are literally dying at the hands of LAPD - folks that are non violent, mentally ill, unhoused, Black, or all of the above. The LAPD has too much money, too many weapons, too much gear, and way too much aggression. By redistributing funds to organizations that can help our citizens in need, we can relieve the police force from wearing too many hats. We'll have trained health professionals as first responders of non violent and non criminal incidents. First responders that can deescalate conflict, identify folks with disabilities, and address correctly the needs of people suffering from mental illness. We can invest in programs that will solve problems at the root, rather than pour money into temporary solutions such as arrests and jail time. Please invest in people's healing instead of continuing their pain. -Arlene Deradoorian ~

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 20:44:00 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: The vote on June 22/People's Budget

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Councilman Koretz (and team): I'm writing as citizen of District 5, and a neighbor to the many unhoused citizens of the Fairfax area. I'm asking you to please reconsider your refusal to consider significant defunding of the LAPD. While people like myself, who—due to the color of my skin—have had almost no interaction with the police prior to the protests and marches of June 2020, have had an awakening to the toxicity of the department, many of my neighbors have lived this reality for years. While the department spends hundreds of millions of dollars on helicopters, military grade equipment, and constant over policing of black and brown neighborhoods, my neighbors go without basic resources like food, clothing, and shelter. While the riot responders drove SWAT vehicles down my block and shot tear gas over our roof, citizens on the same block don't know how they'll get vital medications or mental health attention. I'm tired of seeing these discrepancies go ignored while we continue to fund the nation's most murderous police force, and even more tired of my elected officials acting out of self-interest only. This is supposed to be a progressive, forward-thinking city. We could help to lead the charge on a new budget and, subsequently, an opportunity for our neighbors of color to go un-terrorized on their own streets. Please reconsider your stance on this matter. Please treat the lives of your constituents like they're as valuable to you as the celebrities you court. Best, Seija Rankin 125 1/2 North Harper Avenue

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 01:48:37 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: URGENT- People's Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz, My name is Melissa and I am a resident of Westwood in District 5. I am an instructional aide who has worked with students of LAUSD. My zip code is 90094. I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget of LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis. The recent violence against civilians exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take action towards reimagining public safety for the people of LA. Thank you for your time, Melissa Oskouie Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 12:08:41 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: We demand #carenotcops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and a resident of Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Through recent events like the murder of George Floyd as well as years of police brutality and misconduct, it has become crystal clear that maintaining or increasing LA's police budget is not only wrong, but detrimental to the lives of Black and Brown people in this country. We need to shift our priorities, divest from police funding, and reallocate those funds to invest millions into social services and education. The single greatest investment a community can make is in the quality and accessibility of education. As a student myself, I understand the importance, value, and power of education to change lives in a meaningful, sustainable way.

I have been truly disgusted by the instances of police brutality and killings that have plagued this country and disproportionately impacted Black and Brown lives. It is appalling that the city of Los Angeles allocates an obscene amount of our budget to the police. As someone who directly represents us, you need to shift your priorities and understand that defunding the police is NOT saying that we are abolishing the police. It is saying that we need to decrease funding for it, just as our country has been decreasing funding for education for the past 30 years.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

If you continue to vote against divesting from LAPD, I am sorry to say that you will lose the support you have worked so hard to gain from your constituents. And this loss of support will be exemplified in the polls during our next city council election.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Maya Ebrahimpour**

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Date: Mon Jun 29 2020 15:16:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: We Need the People's Budget NOW!

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Councilmember Koretz,

I live in District 5 in the Palms neighborhood and have for the past four years. My zip code is 90034.

Today I am writing to demand once again that you **support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly**. We must reinvest LAPD's unnecessarily large budget into community services that will actually make residents like myself safer. I demand that you also **support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769**.

I am shocked by your lack of empathy for the movement to defund the LAPD over the past few weeks, which has overwhelming support within the city and nationwide. When I attend a protest to exercise my first amendment rights I should not have to educate myself on tear gas beforehand. The LAPD's initial violent response to protestors only exposed the institution's inherent racism and created widespread fear among LA residents. We should not live in fear of the police: we pay their salaries and they should serve us. Unfortunately, that system is broken so we must look to non-police alternatives to community safety.

Again, I urge you to actually engage with your constituents by supporting the People's Budget LA, and take this important step towards reimagining public safety for our city.

Sincerely,  
Emma Soren

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Emma Soren  
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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 18:20:10 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: WE WANT CARE NOT COPS

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5, and am on faculty at UCLA as well as being a member of the LA Tenants Union. My zip code is 90094.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Jon Shapiro

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:03:32 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: We want the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Sierra Morris and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90064. I'm writing to urge you to support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. We need to reinvest LAPD's budget into the community. I also urge that you support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you,  
Sierra

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Date: Fri Jun 26 2020 13:06:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: We will make you defund police in district 5

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student living in Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

I know from person experience the ways the LAPD presence has harmed and continues to harm students at UCLA. Black students are disproportionately targeted by officers. No student should be made to feel unsafe by officers whose supposed duty is to protect and serve them. Reforming or retraining these officers is no longer an option - we want them gone from campus and gone from Westwood.

*The People's Budget LA gives **only 5.7%** to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

The time is now to act. If students are going to be returning to UCLA in the fall, we need to know our safety is your priority. Not the police unions, but YOUR CONSTITUENTS.

Thank you for your time,

**Julia Hatten**

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:59:47 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: You Are Upholding White Supremacy, Paul

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Paul, Maddie here (again)

You continue to cheer the LAPD, demonize demonstrators, and prioritize the property of your wealthy (white) constituents over the lives of Black people. But newsflash buddy, your constituents make up more than old white supremacists like yourself and we will ensure your bid for City Controller is over before it even starts.

Your defense of the LAPD budget because slow computers at LAPD will cost LA too much money, "There are some trying to make the LAPD as ineffective as possible and eventually eliminate them." THIS IS YOUR BEST DEFENSE!? They literally have BILLIONS of dollars.

As your constituent, I demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, YOUR VOTERS, and the entire city of LA, have shown our overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has been made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Get a grip. Listen to the people that gave you your job with our votes and DEFUND LAPD

Get on board or get out of the way.

Maddie Coleman  
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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 12:25:48 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: You Are Upholding White Supremacy, Paul

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Adding your boss and team back on CC here so they can see how their Chief of Staff speaks to their own constituents.

May I provide you with some information to help you better understand?

This [easy-to-read website](#) explains how the People's Budget works. Maybe take some time to familiarize yourself with the requests of your constituents before telling one of them they have no idea what they're talking about. Even if I have "no idea" what I am talking about, I do know it's, at the very least, against the tenants of engaging with your voters, to antagonize said people who employ your boss. This [4-minute-read article](#) has some very honest and fair criticism of your boss's performance as a City Councilman and how his actions uphold white supremacy.

Or, you can just head over to Twitter and read through the #CallOutKoretz hashtag. It's trending in LA, so you can't miss it.

Be well, Joan! Thank you so much for your time.

Maddie Coleman  
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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 12:30:51 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: You Are Upholding White Supremacy, Paul

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You are very welcome!

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:27:38 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: your boss is choosing white supremacy

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To the Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz,

Your boss has made it perfectly clear in his tweets and public comments that he sees no need to question the role of law enforcement in our society. He is so unquestioning of their role in fact that he voted against producing a study to *consider* a measly 1% budget cut to the LAPD operating budget compared to last year.

Your boss said he found the recent looting in LA "no less troubling" than the death of George Floyd. In doing so he explicitly stated an underlying tenet of white supremacy: that protecting property is equally if not more important than a Black man's life (or in other cases, it might be a homeless man's life, a latino man's life, a trans persons' life, a poor person's life -- either way we know that Paul Koretz isn't bothered when the police kill them so long as there is no uprising from the underclasses)

I encourage you to use your voices as staffers to make the case for the Peoples' Budget and to call out your boss's racism and ignorance at every opportunity. I know that isn't easy to do, but it's possible and it's necessary.

Thank you for working to make Los Angeles a safe and thriving community for all people, not just the ruling class.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Walle  
District 13 resident

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